

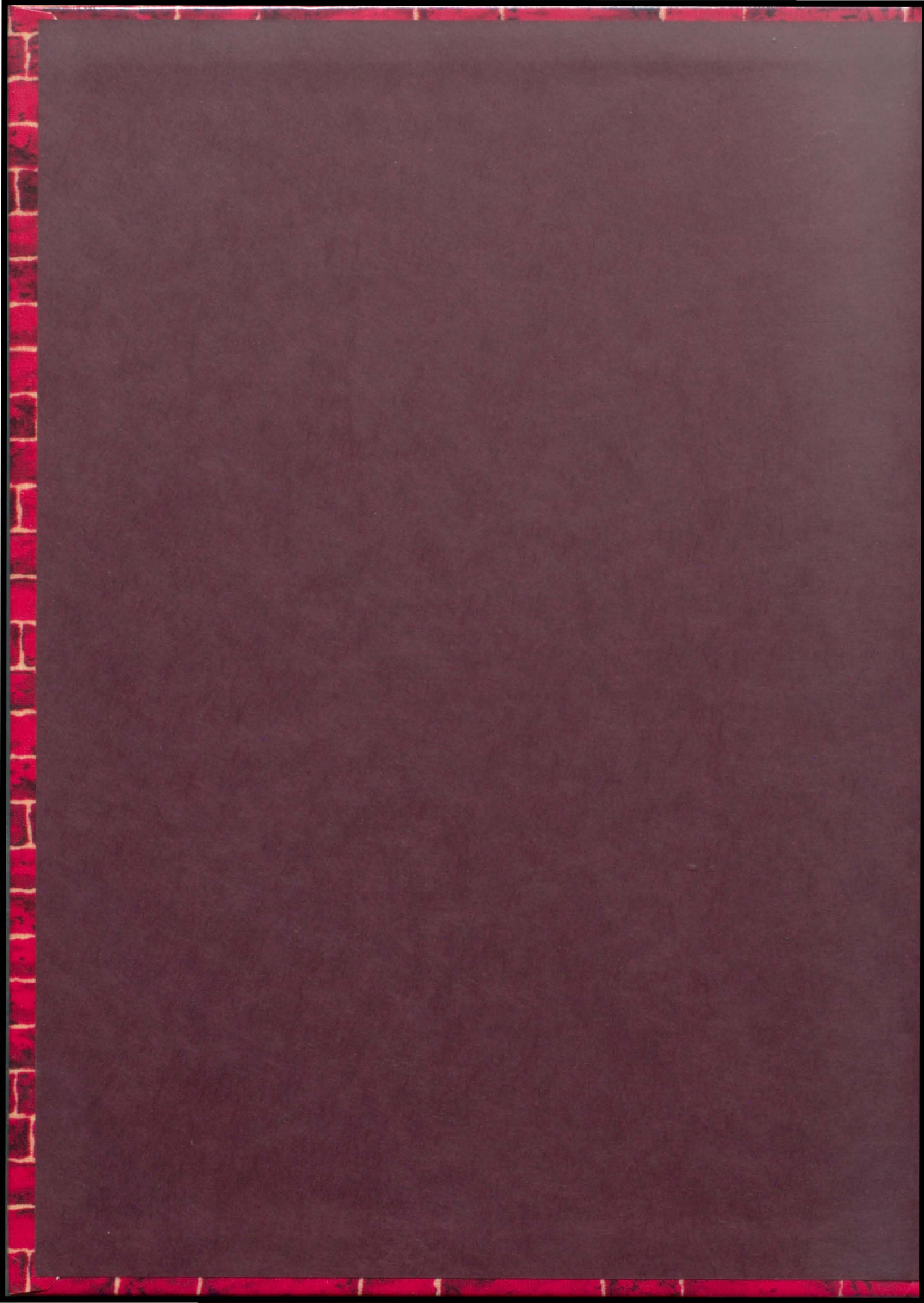
The

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WORLD...

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Seven

JAN WALKER





THE REAL WORLD...

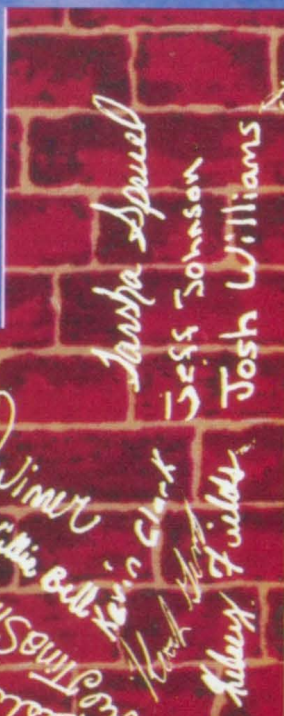
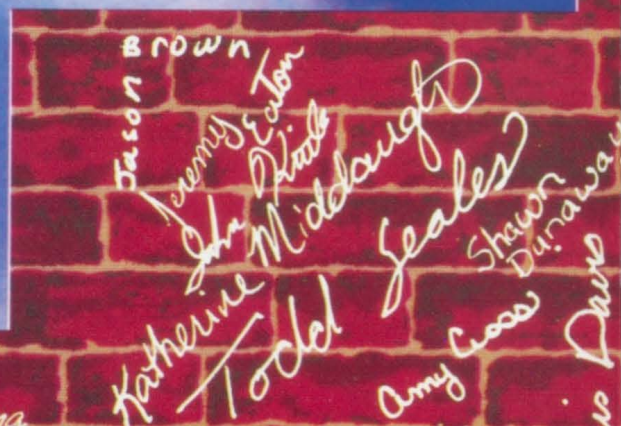


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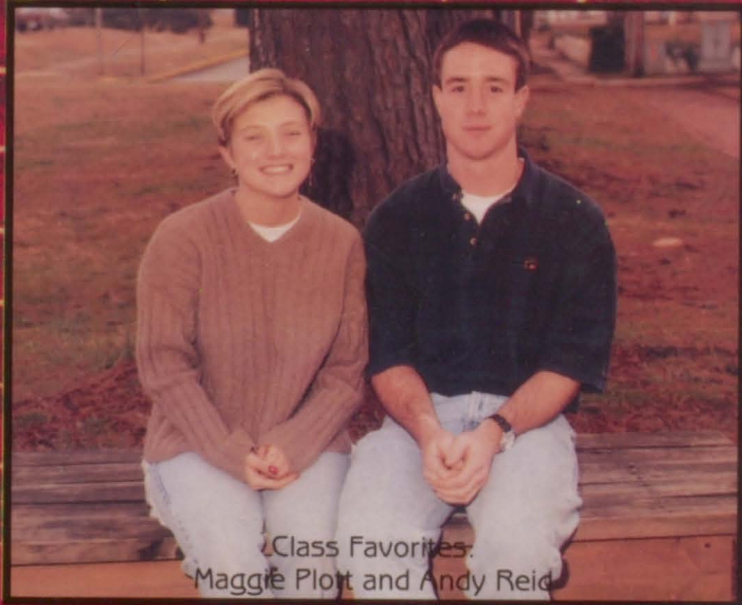
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1997

As we, the class of 1997, leave MHS and enter a **new world** of responsibility, I do not think that we will ever forget each other. We will take with us many special memories. As we look at our class pictures from pre-school and elementary school memories will flood our minds. Although not all seniors have been in school together since pre-school, every one still has made memories that will last a lifetime. One reason is because our class is full of friendship and love. Even though most of us have been patiently waiting for May 29th, I think we will feel a bit of regret when we finally cross the stage. I hope when I enter my new life in college that I will find friends that are as wonderful as the ones that I have spent the last thirteen years with. No one will ever be able to share memories like first kisses, first dances, birthday parties at Skatetime, Camp Cosby, the fifth grade play, dance recitals, little league baseball games, homecoming week, the Montevallo Strand and all those secrets we've shared over the years. I love the class of '97 you will always have a place in my heart.

Maggie Plott



Lendal Umana



Class Favorites:
Maggie Plott and Andy Reid

Chris Adams
Lindsey Anderson
Daphne Davis
Indell Curtis

Brandi Hayes

Milton Chappell
Melvin Hays
Ladoya R. Cottingham

Therese Shon
Dorinda Cinton
Josh Smith
Rontas McCall
Mikela Conwell
Cheryl Dwyer
Stephanie Smith
Tina Smith
Kevin Clark
Kevin Fielder
Kevin Hann
Jason Abernethy

Casey Barnes
 TeMarcus Fuller
 Jelisa Knowles
 Debbie Ross
 Dwayne Doree
 Jessica Holcomb

KATRINA STAFFNEY



Class Officers: Secretary, Dawn Fochtman; Vice President, Andrea Wynn; President, Katrina Staffney; and Treasurer, Latoya Young.

Latoya Young



Class of '97

Tracy Rogers
 Corey Burnett
 La Nensley
 Brandon
 April Flowers
 Gentry
 Malinda Orr
 Jonathan Swords

Melissa Judlem
 Beau Blake

Tamara Brown

Stephanie Payne

CHAVONE SPRUEL

Melanie M. Delbridge
 Chavone Spruel
 Latoya Young

Willie Stone
 Kristie Adams
 Rebecca Adams
 Dawn Fochtman
 Hannah Scott
 Janel Alexander
 Paul Oden
 Brian Edwards
 Michelle
 Miss Gads

Rachel Bradley
 Latoya Young
 Chavone Spruel
 Melissa Orr
 Jonathan Swords
 April Flowers
 Gentry
 Corey Burnett
 Tracy Rogers

A World of Our Own



Hannah,
You bring much joy
and happiness to our
lives. We are proud
of you. "Grace be
with you always.
Amen".
Love,
Mother, Daddy, and
Melissa



Dear Sara Lella Luli
Linguine Fettuccine,
We love you dearly. We
wish you success and
happiness in all your
future endeavors. Thank
you for bringing light and
laughter into our home
and into our hearts. God
bless you always.
All our love,
Mama, Dad, Rachael and
Buzzy



Dawn,
We are so proud of you and what your life
has to show. We wish you everything out of
life that you deserve. Love always,
Dad, Mom, Amy, and Sandy



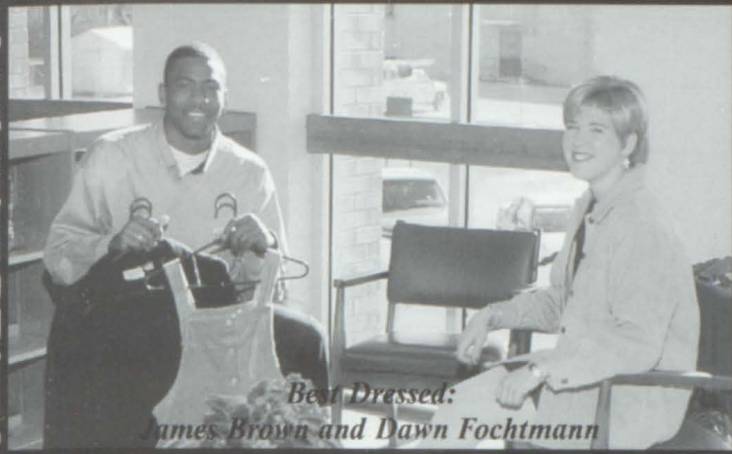
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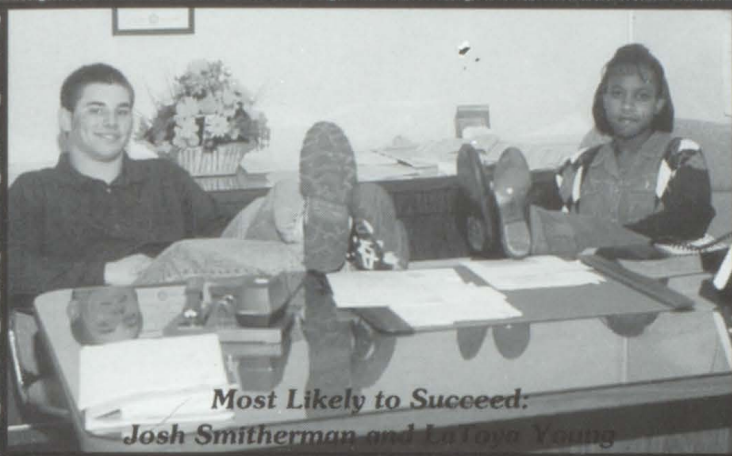
Rachel,
We are proud of you and we love
you with all our hearts. We hope for
you a bright and prosperous future.
Love always,
Dad, Mom, and Ryan



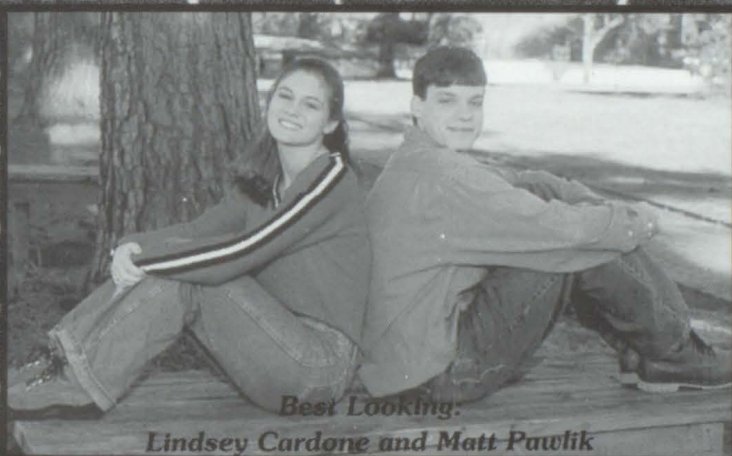
Senior Memories



Best Dressed:
James Brown and Dawn Fochtman



Most Likely to Succeed:
Josh Smitherman and LaToya Young



Best Looking:
Lindsey Cardone and Matt Pawlik

I'll miss...

...being lazy. When I graduate I will actually have to work.

Kathy Sturgis

...roaming the halls.

Lendale Young

...the association with my friends.

LaToya Young

...getting dressed and pigging out before twirling at the game each Friday night.

Hannah Scott

Casey Dee Barnes

Casey Dee,
From the beginning you were the
light of our life. You have earned
the best that life has to offer.

With All Our Hearts,
Mom, Dad, Wes, and Lindsey





Jason Abernathy



Debbie Acker



Kristie Adams



Jared Alexander



Kenrick Allen



Casey Barnes



Rachel Bearden



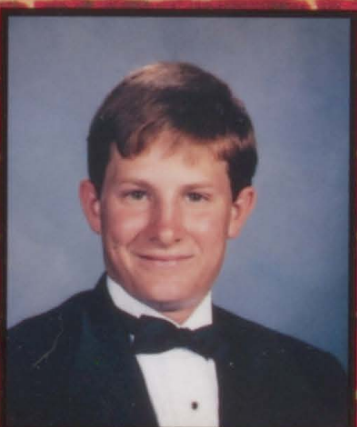
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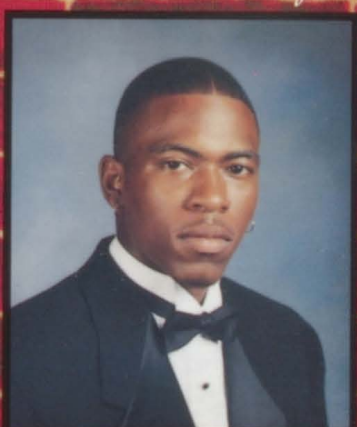
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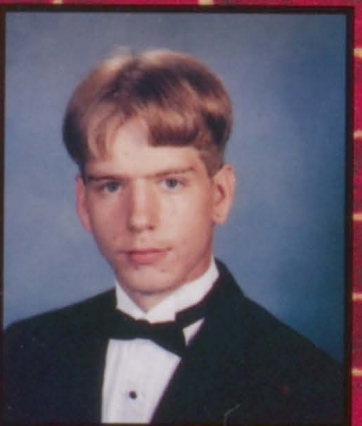
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Beau Blake



James Brown



Jason Brown



Cori Burnett

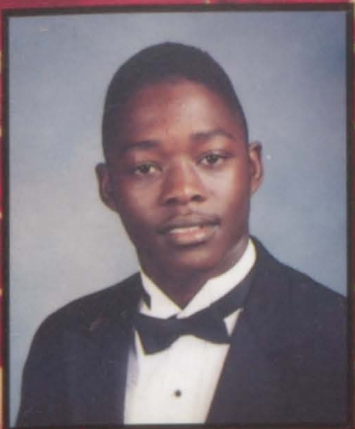


Lindsey Cardone



Joey Carlee





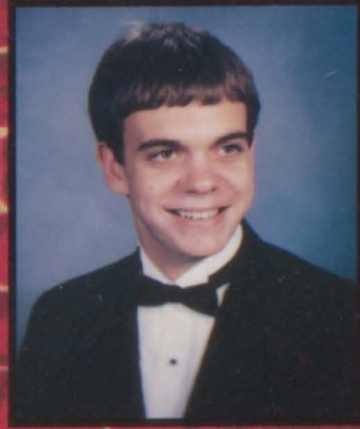
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Kevin Clark



Rebecca Clay



Donald Clayton



LaToya Cottingham



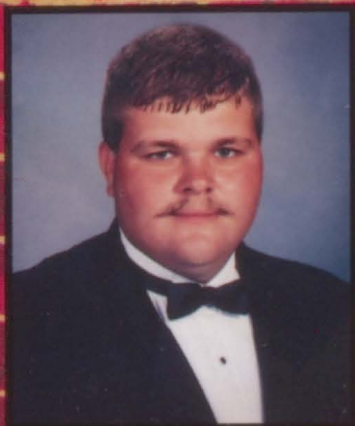
Tracye Cottingham



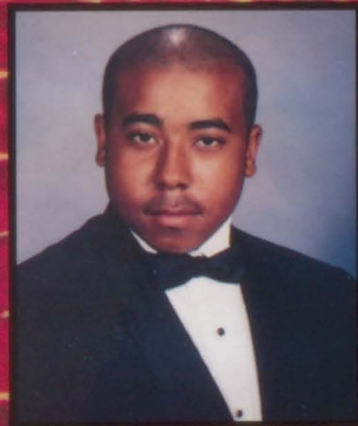
Amy Cross



Chris Davis



Shawn Dunaway



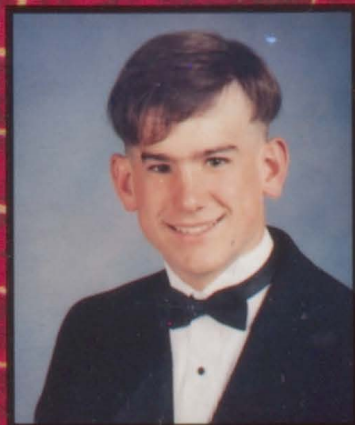
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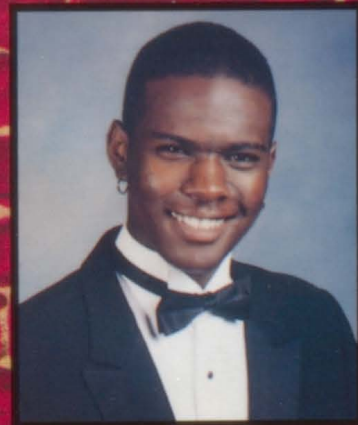
Brian Edwards



David Epperson



Jason Epperson



Kelsey Fields



April Flowers



Dawn Fochtmann



Who is Who

*"How can a young man keep
his way pure? By living
according to (God's) word."
Psalm 119:9*

*Zack, we are very proud of
the young man you have
become.*

*Love,
Dad, Mom, Nik, and Jacob*



Zack Layman

Debbie,
You have brought much
joy into our lives and we
are very proud of you.
Look up to a higher power
as you begin your future.

With much love,
Mom, Dad, Rene, Amy,
and Sam



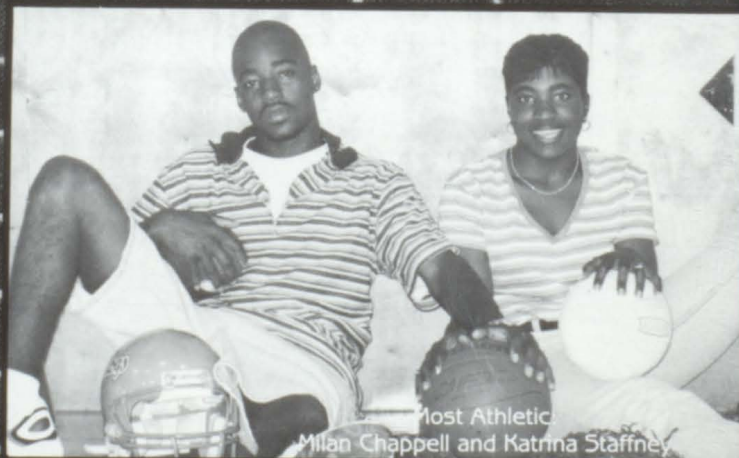
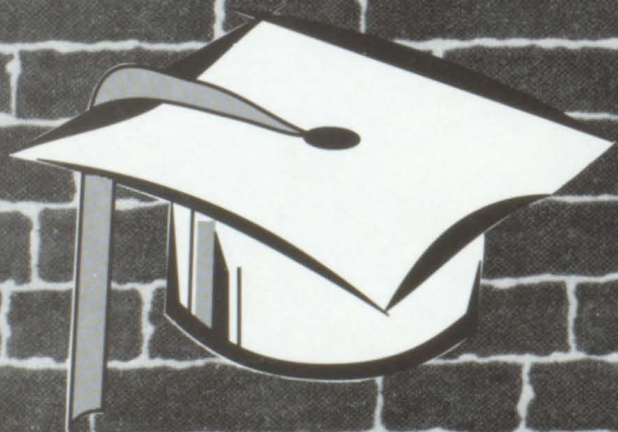
Debbie Ross



Most Talkative
Tracye Cottingham and Josh Williams

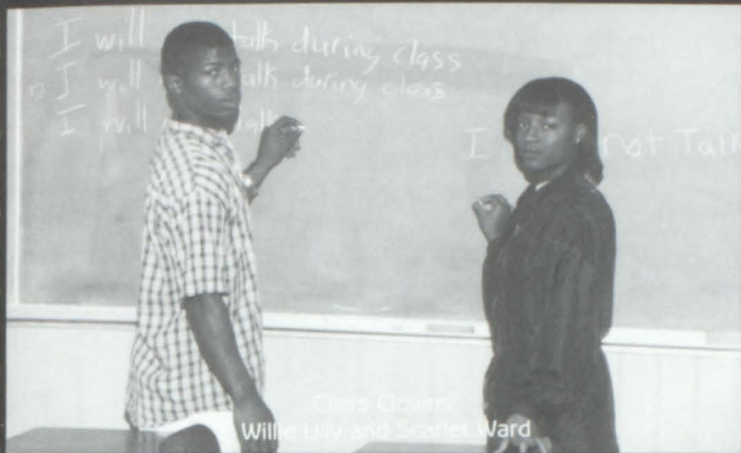


Seniors Rebecca Ladewig and Tracy Rogers show great spirit in
the senior's effort to win the dress-up competition. Because of
the their effort the seniors received first place.



Most Athletic
Milan Chappell and Katrina Staffney





Class Chorus
Willie Lilly and Scarlet Ward

Now and Then



Willie Stone and Joey Helms are at the top of the class for senior spirit. The seniors' efforts earned them second place for Homecoming competition.



Misty McClain

Misty,
May God bless and
keep you.
We love you and are
very proud of you.

Love,
Mama, Steve, Leslie,
Wesley, and Angel



Jason Brown

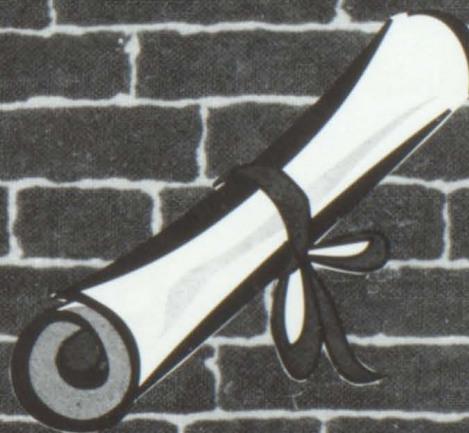
Jason,

You are great!

Mom and John

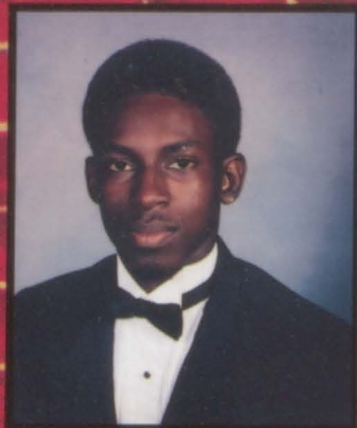


Home School Spirit:
Kendal Young and Tarsha Spruel

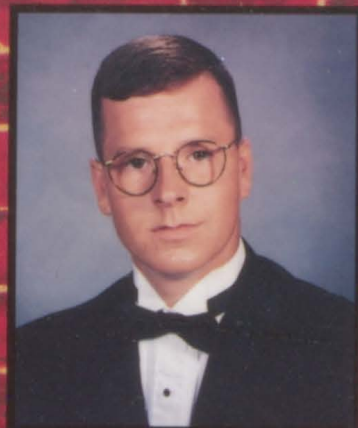




Stephanie Ford



TeMarcus Fuller



Brandon Genry



Erin George



Kim Cross



Kevin Hamm



Brandi Hayes



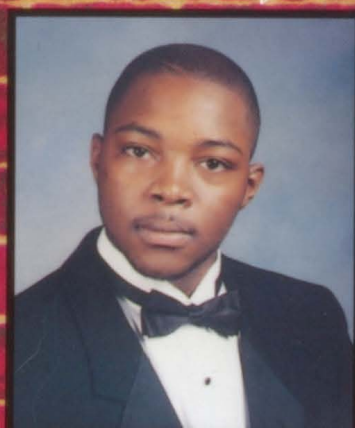
Lee Mensley



Jessica Holcomb



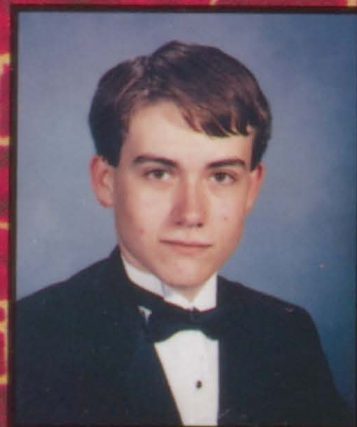
Stephen Horton



Thattis Hudson



Jaimie Hutton



Michael Jacks



Adrian Jackson



Jeff Johnson

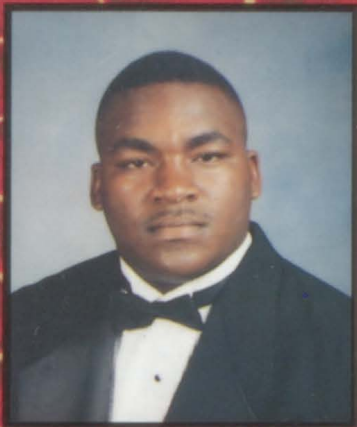


Felicia Knowles





Rebecca Ladewig



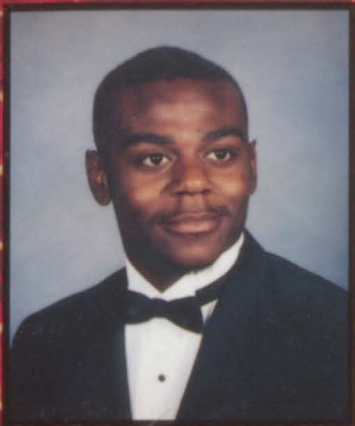
Marlon Lamar



Crystal Lawley



Zack Layman



Undrae Lilly



Melissa Ludlum



Kim Mayfield



Ronita McCarter



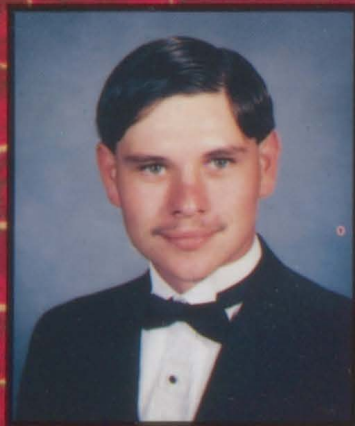
Misty McClain



Katherine Middaugh



Tre' Morton



Daniel Nalley



Paul Oden



Matt Pawlik



Stephanie Payne



Ellen Pickett

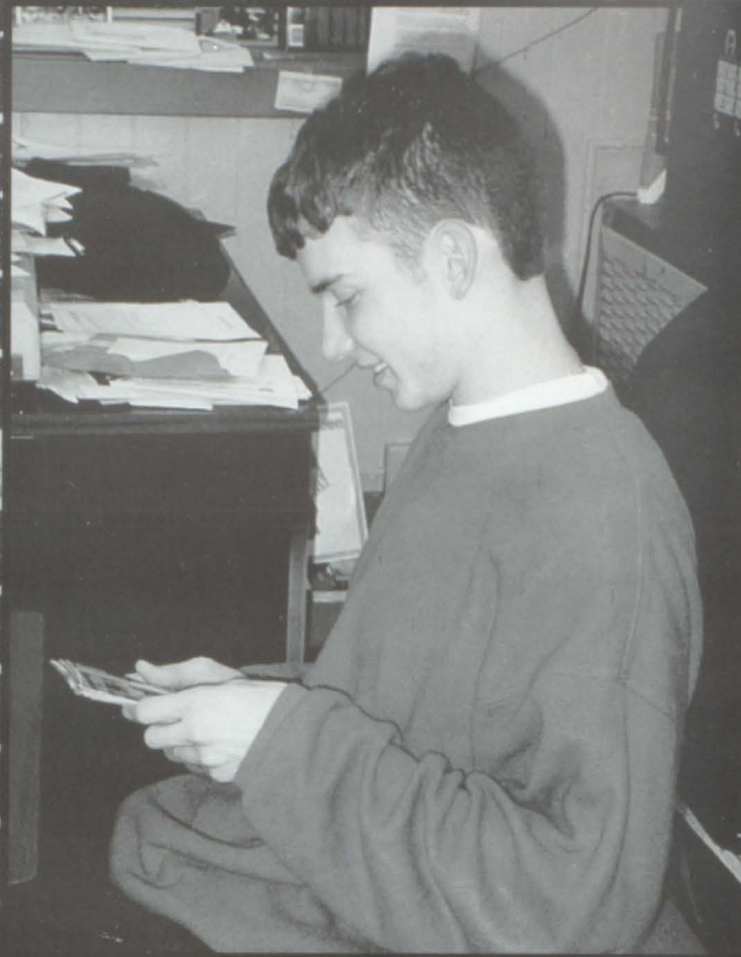




Class Flower White Rose

“I’ve learned so much about just being myself in high school. This has allowed me to make some very special friendships that I hate to leave behind. But one of the best things about leaving for college is that I’ll always be able to come back home.”

Zack Layman



Congratulations Debbie!

We love you and wish
you success in whatever
you do.

Love,
Mother and Daddy

Debbie Acker



Heather Ruth

Our tomboy ballerina.
We are very proud of you.

Love,
Mama, Daddy, and Jake

Heather Ruth

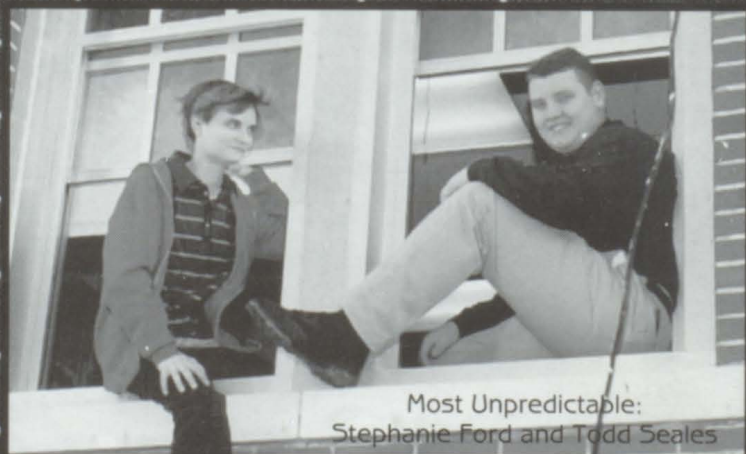


Andy,

Always remember how
special you are.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Danny,
Mike, and Phillip

Andy Reid

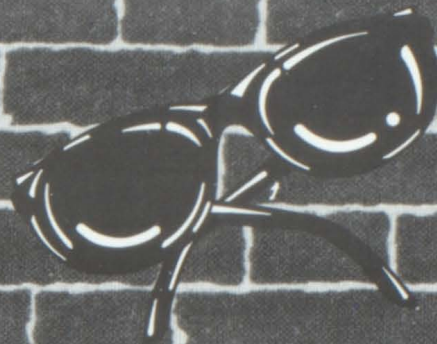


Most Unpredictable:
Stephanie Ford and Todd Seales





Class Song



'The Future's So Bright I Gotta Wear Shades'



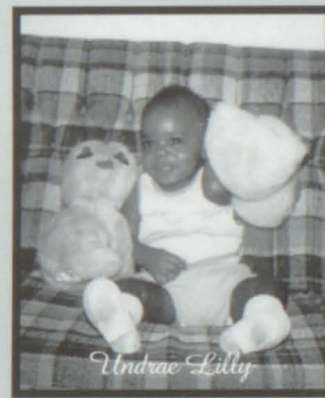
Seniors of 1997 spend a few last moments together as classmates. They were showing off the Class of '97 T-shirt.

Tracy,
We love you yesterday, today, and forever.
You have been, and always will be the joy of our lives.
Keep on being the loving, caring person you are, and you will always be successful in life.
We're very proud of you, and love you lots,
Mom, Dad, and Jennifer



Tracy Rogers

'Dne, You've blossomed into a handsome, talented young man... Where did the time go? You've overcome fear and intimidation... Oh, how Granddaddy's pride would glow! We've watched you grow and shine in other's eyes... As you leave the nest, always recall... Gran-ma's guiding life to help you take your place in this world. Aunt Shelia's daily personal commitment and love for you, Mom's ever present shield of love, Bonkie's ever worshipping eyes, Big Brother's cheer of your achievements. And last, but not least... Your own self pride in your abilities and efforts! Where did the time go? We see our investments and are very proud!
Love,
Gran-ma, Aunt Shelia, Mom,
Bonkie, and Big Brother



Undrae Lilly



Biggest Flirt:
Rachel Bearden and TeMarcus Fuller

Kristie,
Congratulations! Good Luck.

We love you.

Grandma, Granddaddy,
Uncle Joe, and Uncle John



Kristie Adams

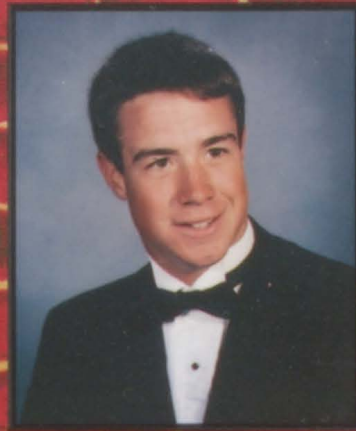




Maggie Plott



David Pratscher



Andy Reid



Tracy Rogers



Debbie Ross



Hannah Scott



Todd Seales



Leslie Shack



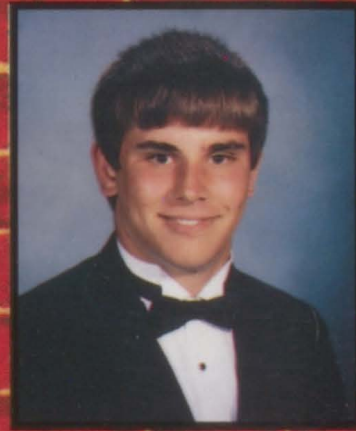
Stephanie Siener



Sara Simone



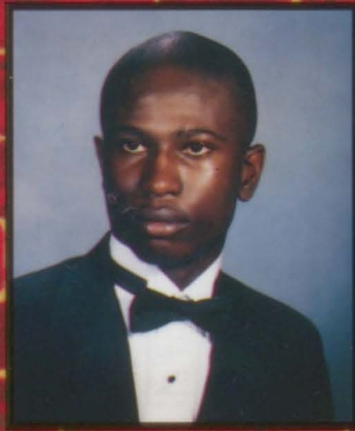
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Josh Smitherman



Katrina Staffney



Charmon Spruel



Chavone Spruel

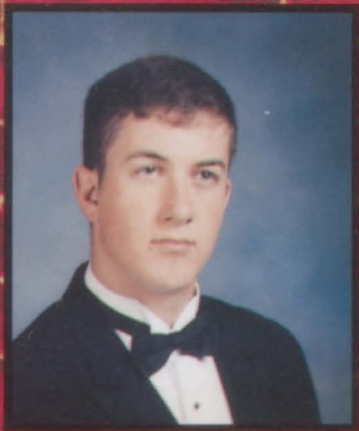


Tarsha Spruel





Cherie Stobert



Willie Stone



Kathy Sturgis



Jonathon Swords



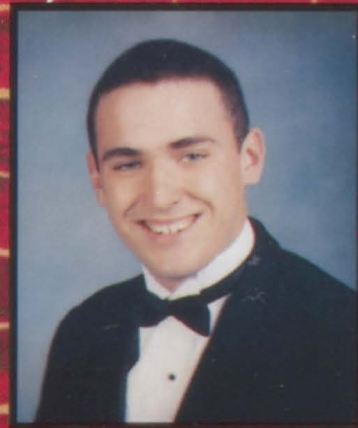
Andrea Taylor



Brandy Thompson



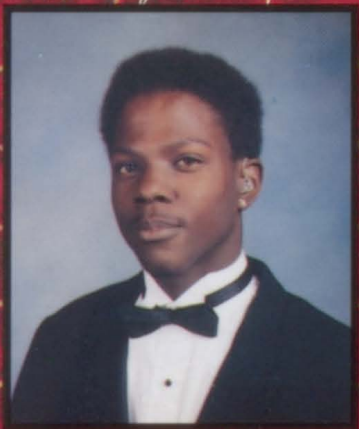
Skarlet Ward



Josh Williams



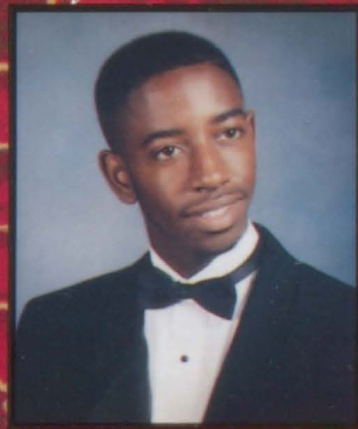
Andrea Wynn



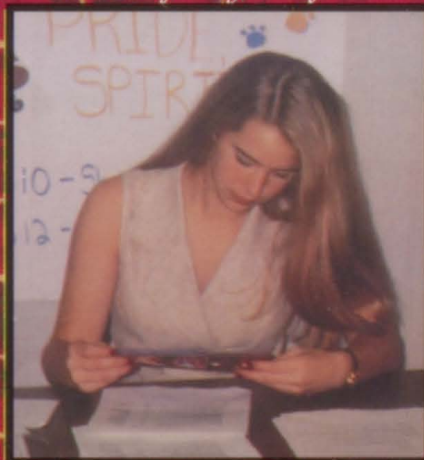
Chris Uelder



LaToya Young



Lendale Young



The Class of 1997 struggles to get it together for the perfect class photo. Finally, the posed class picture was taken and every one looked their best.

Heather Beaty stays true to her post selling spirit teeshirts for homecoming.



I always knew that looking back on the times when I cried would make me laugh, but I never knew that looking back on the times when I laughed would make me cry.

Anonymous



Congratulations,
Trina.
We love you.

Love,
Mom and Kedra.

Darling Maggie,
When you move into a dorm at UM, we'll have to subscribe to HBO to fill the entertainment void. We're going to miss those late-night talks — but not those trips to M.H.S. to sign you out early! We are so proud of you — your sterling qualities of kindness, affection, empathy, honesty, generosity, sincerity, and best of all, the joy in your soul.

Love,
Mom, Daddy, Charles,
Mary, and Lil



LaToya,
There are so many things that we would like to do for you, and so many things we would like to say, give and share. But for today, we just want to say, that we'll always be there and always care.

Congratulations,
Dad, Mom,
your brothers, and sisters



Congratulations,
Andrea!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Lee, and Micheal



If I Can Not Be There

*When we realize we have to part
and that between us will be miles
Think of lockers, classes, books and passes
to make you crack a smile.*

*When your eyes begin to water
and you're feeling all alone
Just think of all our late nights up
To keep you moving on.*

*When you start feeling down
and it seems too much to bear
Just think of all our memories
if I can not be there.*

*Who knows when we'll meet again
could be 5 years, 9 or 11.
Yet we will always be connected
as the class of ninety-seven.*

Andrea Wynn

GOOD LUCK CLASS OF '97
IN
THE REAL WORLD



REAL CLOSE

The 1996-97 school year was the year that the class of 1998 was REAL CLOSE to leaving Montevallo High School. They finally made a REAL impact on the school, and began to learn what REAL responsibility was. They sold music, magazines, and flower bulbs to raise funds for the prom. The prom committee met throughout the year to plan for decorations, music, theme, and location.. They took on more leadership roles in clubs, sports, and organizations. They were an essential part to the school. Shontua Ray was named to the Birmingham News All State football team and the Birmingham News Super All Metro Team. He was also named Shelby County's leading rusher. Matt Walker was chosen to attend the Alabama Mock Senate at Birmingham Southern. Class rings were ordered in the fall and were received in early December. At the end of the year, the class of 1998 realized just how close they were to being **real seniors**!

Jamie McIntyre, Mary Rodgers, and Bethany Evans display their class pride while they are leading the Junior class in the Homecoming parade. Juniors came in a disappointing fourth place for the third year in a row.



Class Officers:
President, Tiffany Chappell; Vice-President, Lori Lyle;
Secretary, Loren McAnally; and Treasurer, Jamie McIntyre.



Class Favorites:
Hunter Lawley, Lori Lyle, Laurel Horsley, and Brad Bamberg.

Juniors



Landie Acker

Crystal Allen

Marquette Anderson

Brad Bamberg

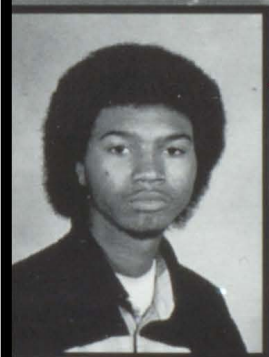


Brandy Bell

Gretchen Berry

Sherry Bice

Jared Blake

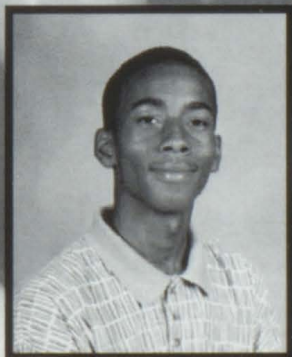


Artice Bolden

Jaclyn Brown

Tasha Brown

Lora Brand



Chip Brantley

Kent Brazzel

Danny Butcke

Louise Carson



LaNisha Cartwell

Tim Chandler

April Chappell

Tiffany Chappell



Matt Collins

Zac Craig

Nicole Damon

Margaret Daum

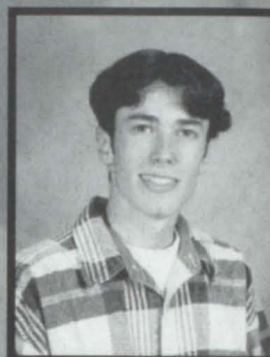


Jeff Davis

Erin Davison

Keisha Devinner

David Dewees

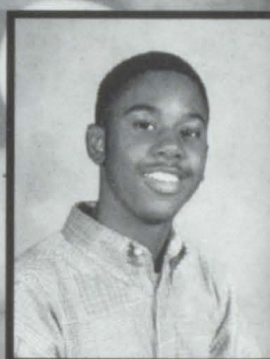


Jennifer Earnest

Stephanie Edwards

Bethany Evans

Orlando Farrington



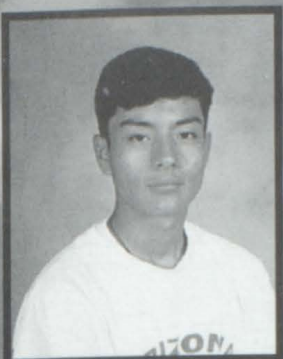
Sandy Fochtman

Brendan Fuller

Morgan Fuller

Mikey Garza



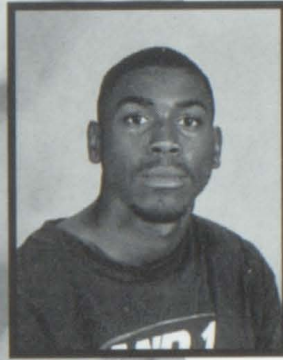


Ray Garza

Melissa Genry

Brandy Hamm

Laurel Horsley

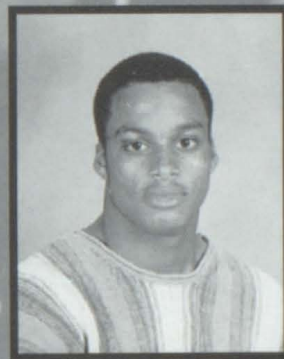


Lee Hutchison

Keith Johnson

Barbie Johnstone

Jimmy Jones

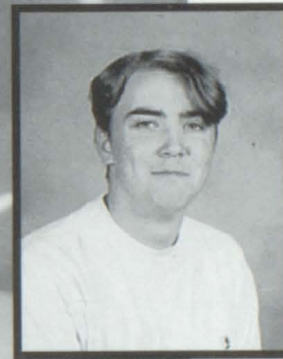


Jesus Juarez

David Kemp

Johnny King

Kathy LaMonica



Hunter Lawley

Kevin Leslie

Jerome Lilly

Brandon Lovelady



Kristie Lucas

Stevan Lucas

Tracy Lutz

Lori Lyle



Ray Marshall

Elizabeth Martin

Loren McAnally

Tiffany McCay

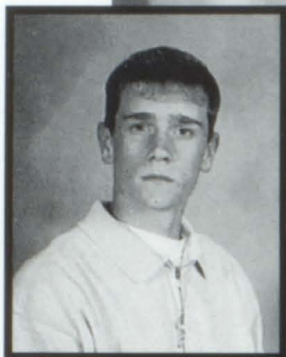


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Jamie McIntrye

Sharon McKenzie

Stacie Medeiros



Haley Mitchell

Jessica Moreland

Tyeshia Prentice

Shontua Ray

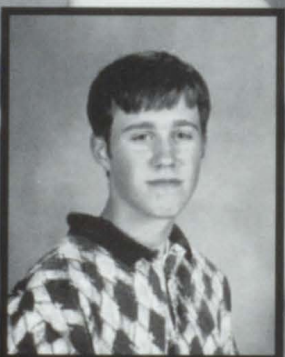
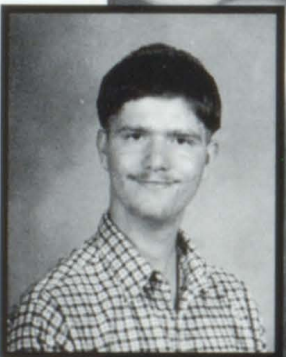


John Robbins

Mary Beth Rodgers

Chandler Russ

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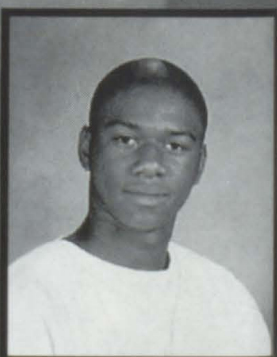
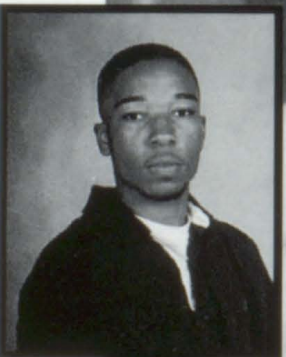


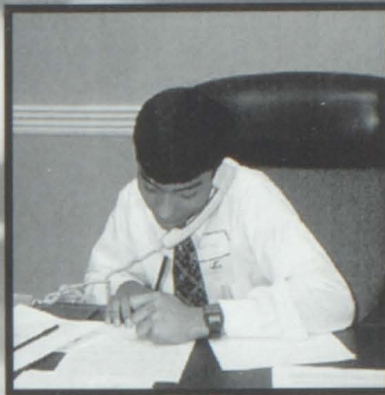
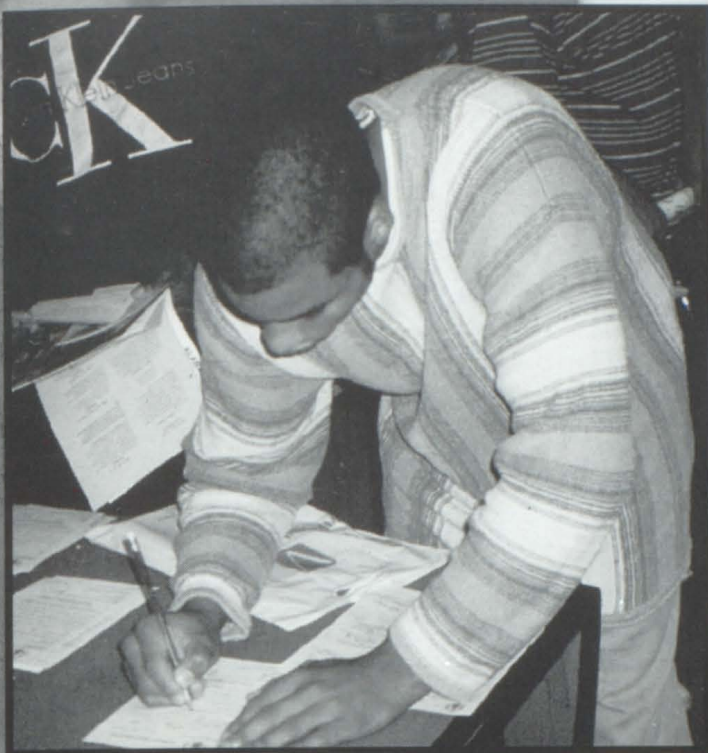
Corey Salter

Julie Scarborough

Roy Shackelford

Henry Silas





Johnny King explores various colleges during the annually scheduled College Day. This event was once again a great success.

Ray Garza counts votes from the 1996 Mock Election. This was Montevallo's first year to participate in the nationwide event.

Juniors show their spirit during the homecoming parade. The class received first place in the talent show.

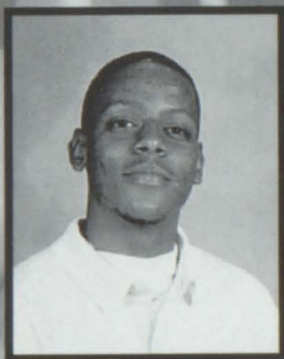


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Connie Stobert



Amy Stone

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Reggie Tripp

Kimberly Verchot



Matt Walker

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Edward Ward

Adam Webb



Halfway There

Halfway there is exactly how close the sophomores were to being **real** seniors. They spent their entire first year taking **CORE** classes as well as a few electives. Then, in their second year of high school they took on more **real world** experiences like harder classes, jobs and driving!. Finally they were halfway through their high school careers at the end of the 1996-97 school term.

Many sophomores were in advanced classes, others began training for future occupations by attending the School of Technology. All had many choices to make. "The choices were tough but that just comes with the territory", said sophomore Lauren Hendon. As they left their sophomore year behind, they were sure that they would sail through the next two years on their trip to **the real world**.

The sophomores shout, "The victory train is coming!" in their race for most school spirit. They had fun in the parade and placed high in the competition.



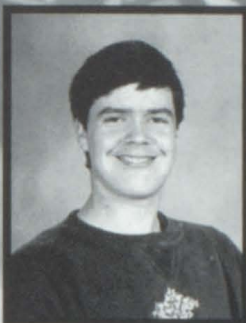
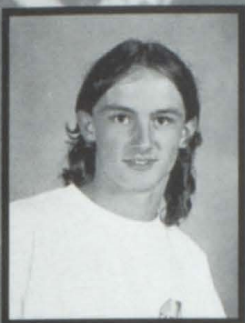
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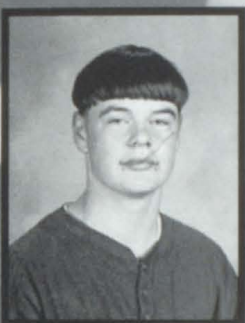
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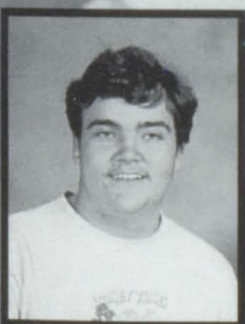
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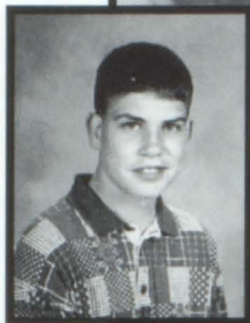


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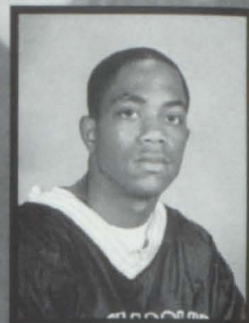


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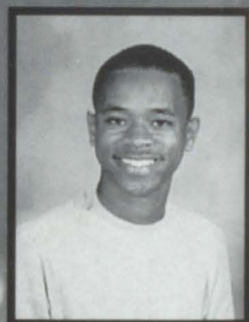


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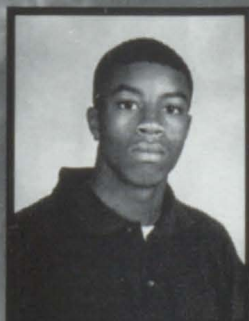


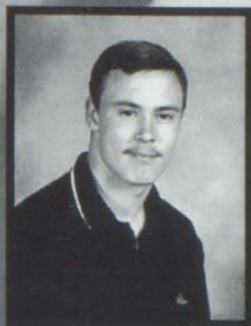
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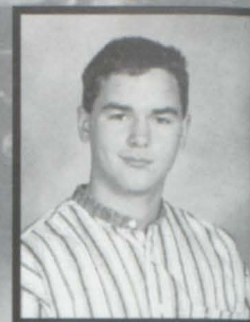


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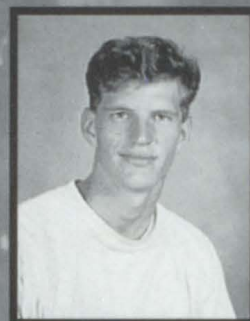


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Willie McNeal

Cassie Meigs

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Jenny Moore

Latissus Murrell

Katherine Nalley

Emily Nathews



Amanda Nesmith

Georgia Nicholson

Melissa Northcutt

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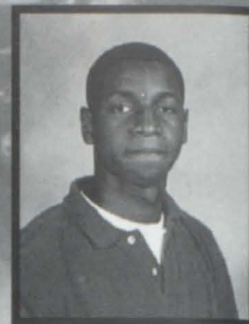
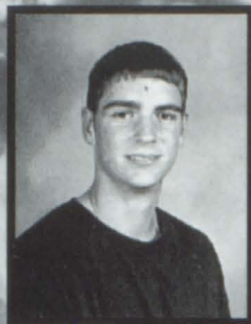


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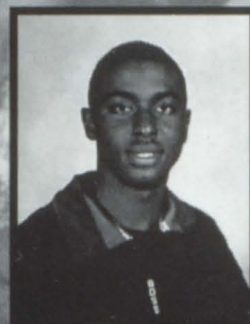


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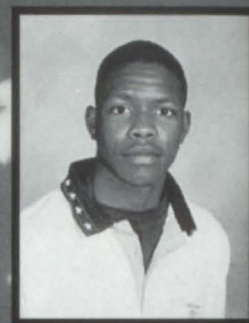


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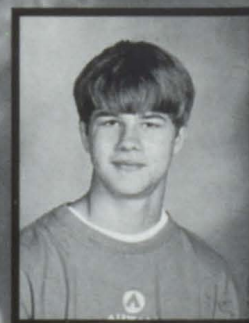
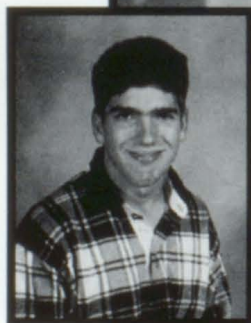


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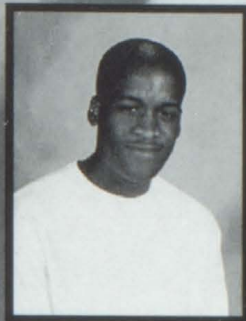
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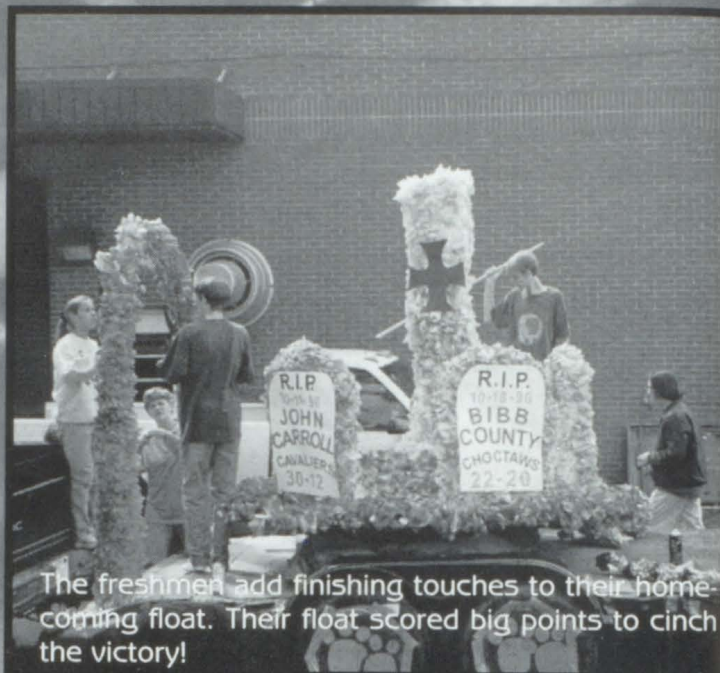
Class of '99



Reality Check

Out of the depths of junior high, the freshmen finally reached the reality of high school. New curriculum requirements, CORE projects, upperclassmen, and homecoming were just a few of the new obstacles they faced at Montevallo High School. The class of 2000 was off to a prominent start with a **first place** homecoming victory.

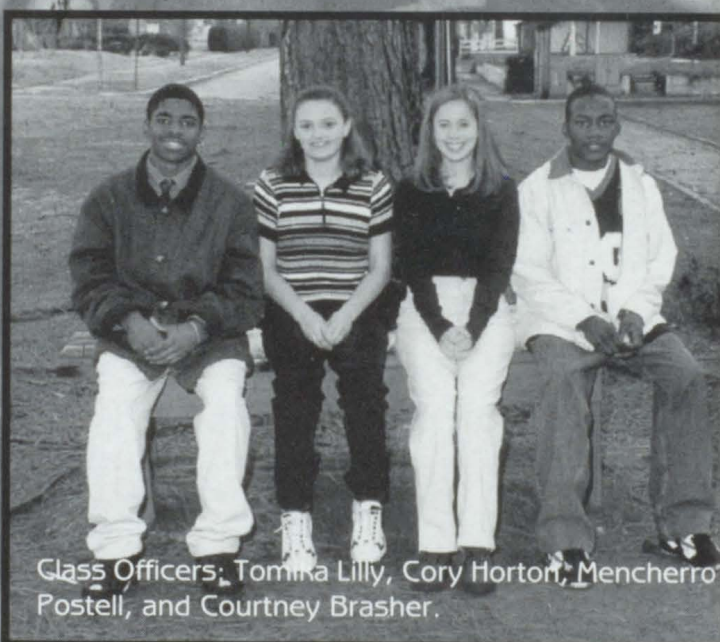
"High school has been a big change, but my friends and I have adjusted well," said Wesley Barnes. Huge differences were discovered throughout the year. "My courses require much more work this year, and the teachers are more strict," said Wade Coffee. The Freshmen had been hit with a giant dose of the **real world**.



The freshmen add finishing touches to their homecoming float. Their float scored big points to cinch the victory!



Class Favorites: Gary Reed, Ashley White, Katie McMinn, and Kentonio Kirkland.



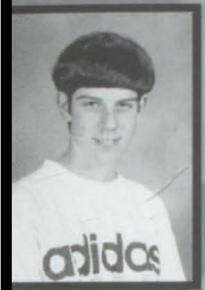
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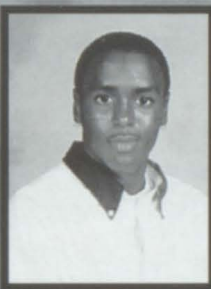


Robert Hope sips a drink with his Big Brother, Paul Oden. The Big Brother/Big Sister program was designed to help freshmen adjust to the new atmosphere of high school.

Freshmen



Steven Blackmon
Angie Boyd
Kevin Boyd
Billy Joe Bradshaw
Fallon Brantley



Courtney Brasher
Adrian Brown
Phillip Brown
Destin Burnett
Patrick Butcke



Latasha Caldwell
Elizabeth Callahan
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Tierra Cathey
Wade Coffee



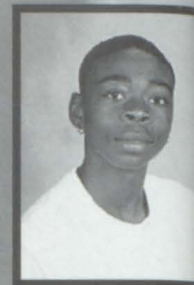
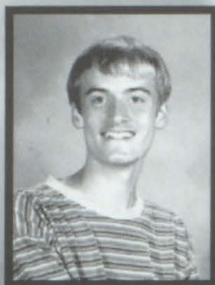
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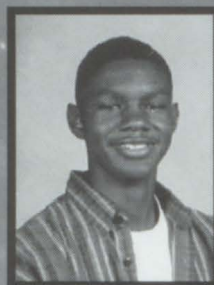
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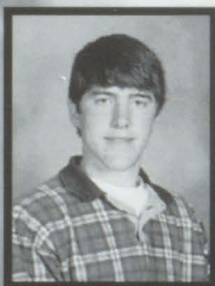
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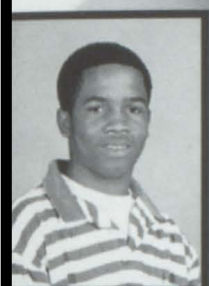




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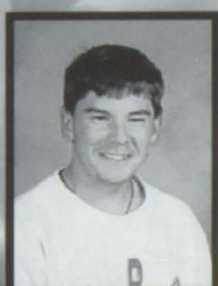
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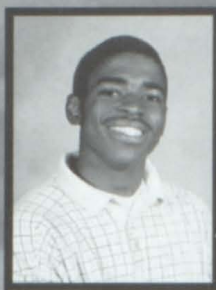
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Beau Robinson
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Chris Shepherd



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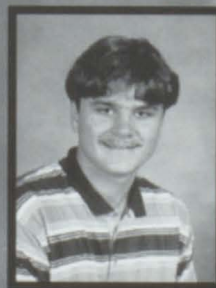
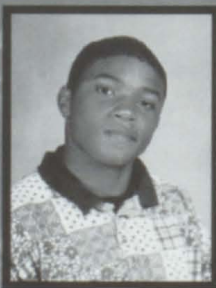
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Mitch Wyatt





George Theodore
Donna Dickson
Tony Berry
Dot Bishop
Wally Blanton



Earlene Burke
Phil Carter
Melissa Chappell
Ross Chappell
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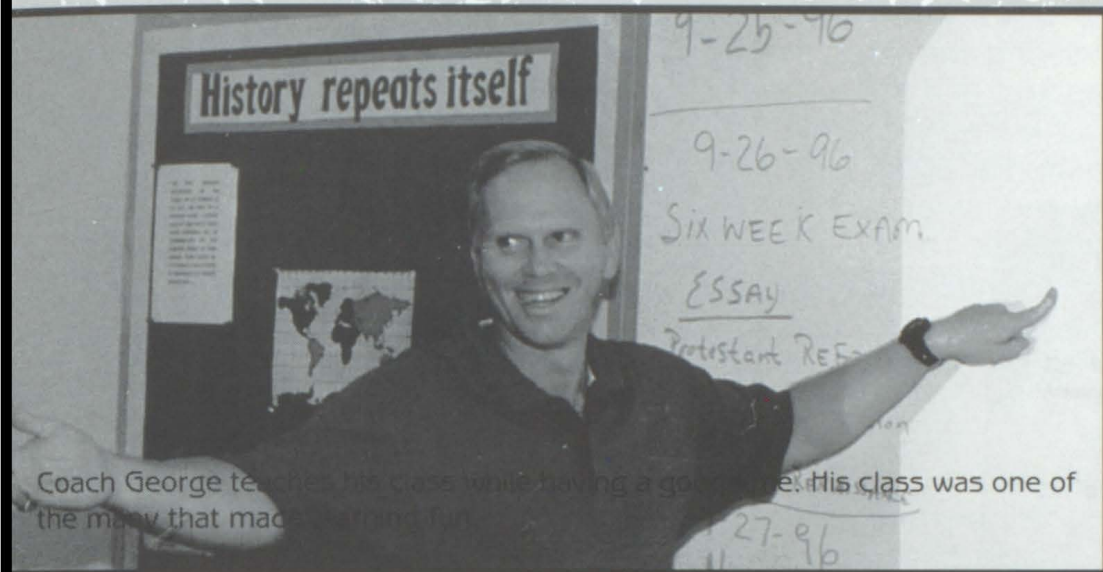
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Ready for the Real World



Coach George teaches his class while having a good time. His class was one of the many that made learning fun.



Judy Shaw
Jan Walker
Jim Weese



Nancy Werbach
Eddie Williams
Freda Williams

"Get ready, it's going to kick!" said Mr. Morris as he prepared his students for the **real world**. Each teacher had a different job philosophy, but all had the same goal. Each teacher had the responsibility to teach their students the skills necessary to succeed in life after high school, in the **real world**.

The school both lost and gained faculty and staff from last year and even after the first semester. The students had to cope with the changes, but the excellent new faculty and staff made this an easy task. Even though some were lost during the year the impact they had made on individuals in their classes would not be forgotten as they enter the "real world".

Coach Hester was awarded teacher of the year for Montevallo High School. "In Coach Hester's class you learn a lot and you have a good time doing it. He deserved the award," said senior, Dawn Fochtmann.





Many changes occurred both within the school and the community during the year. In the fall, Highway 119 was repaved and this was appreciated by all drivers in the area. The University of Montevallo celebrated its 100th year with a huge fireworks display and various other activities. Everyone took a break to try out McDonald's after it opened in October. Later in the year, Subway moved to a new location and the new store included a Baskin Robbins ice cream shop. There was plenty for visitors and residents to do in Montevallo.

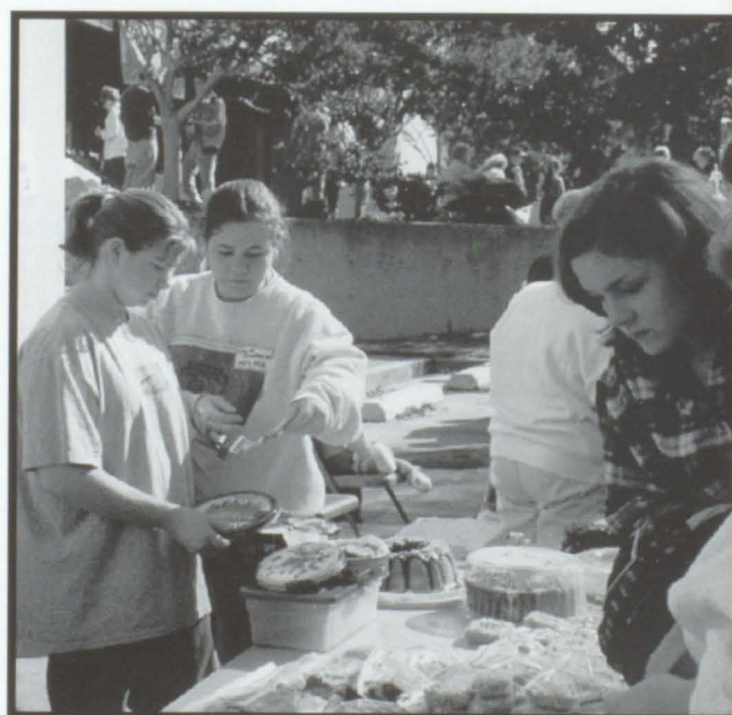
Three new teachers joined the MHS staff. Christy Landers became the new keyboarding and business education teacher. Ross Chappell became the new junior english and theater arts teacher. The new freshmen english teacher, Tony Parente, became the volleyball and softball coach.

The gates to the university were open to welcome hundreds of visitors and graduates to celebrate the **one hundredth** anniversary of the school.

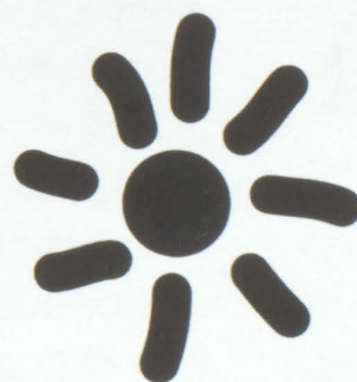
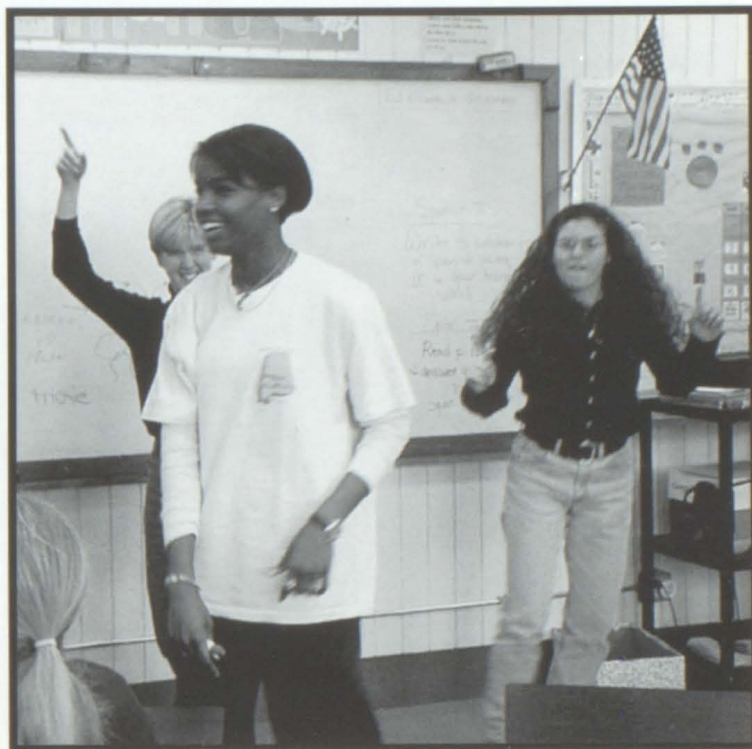
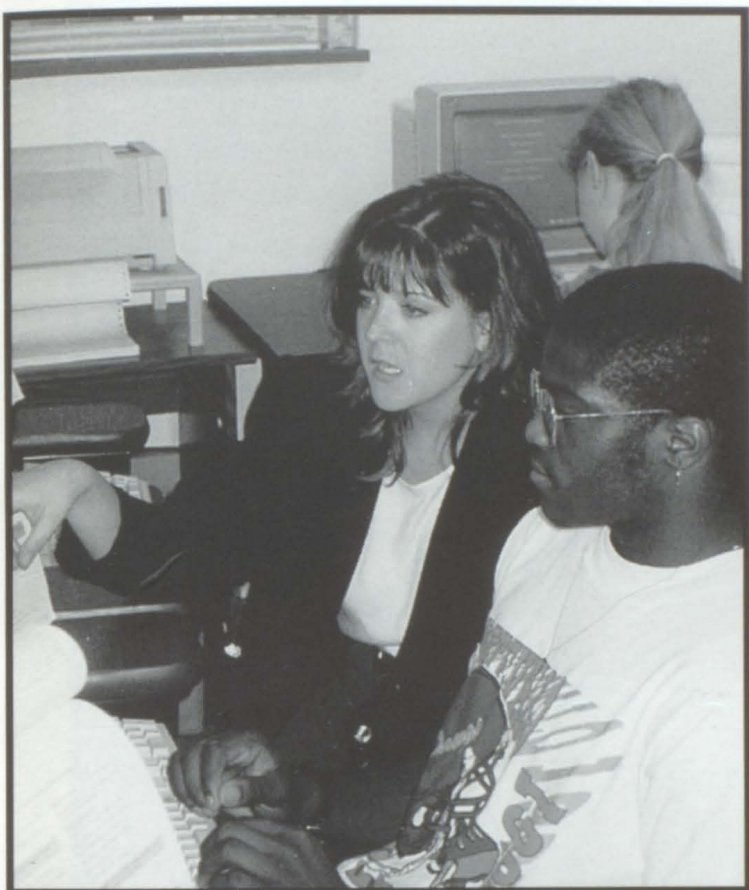


The Montevallo community came out to welcome Ronald McDonald to town!

FCA members Stephanie Edwards and Carrie Smitherman work the cake walk at the annual Trade Day parade.



REAL WORLD...



Mrs. Landers helps Bryant Hudson at his computer .

Spanish II students learn spanish dances. Some traveled with the Chappells to Spain for the **real** thing!

Everything at MHS was "looking up" when the physical science students competed in the annual Egg Drop.



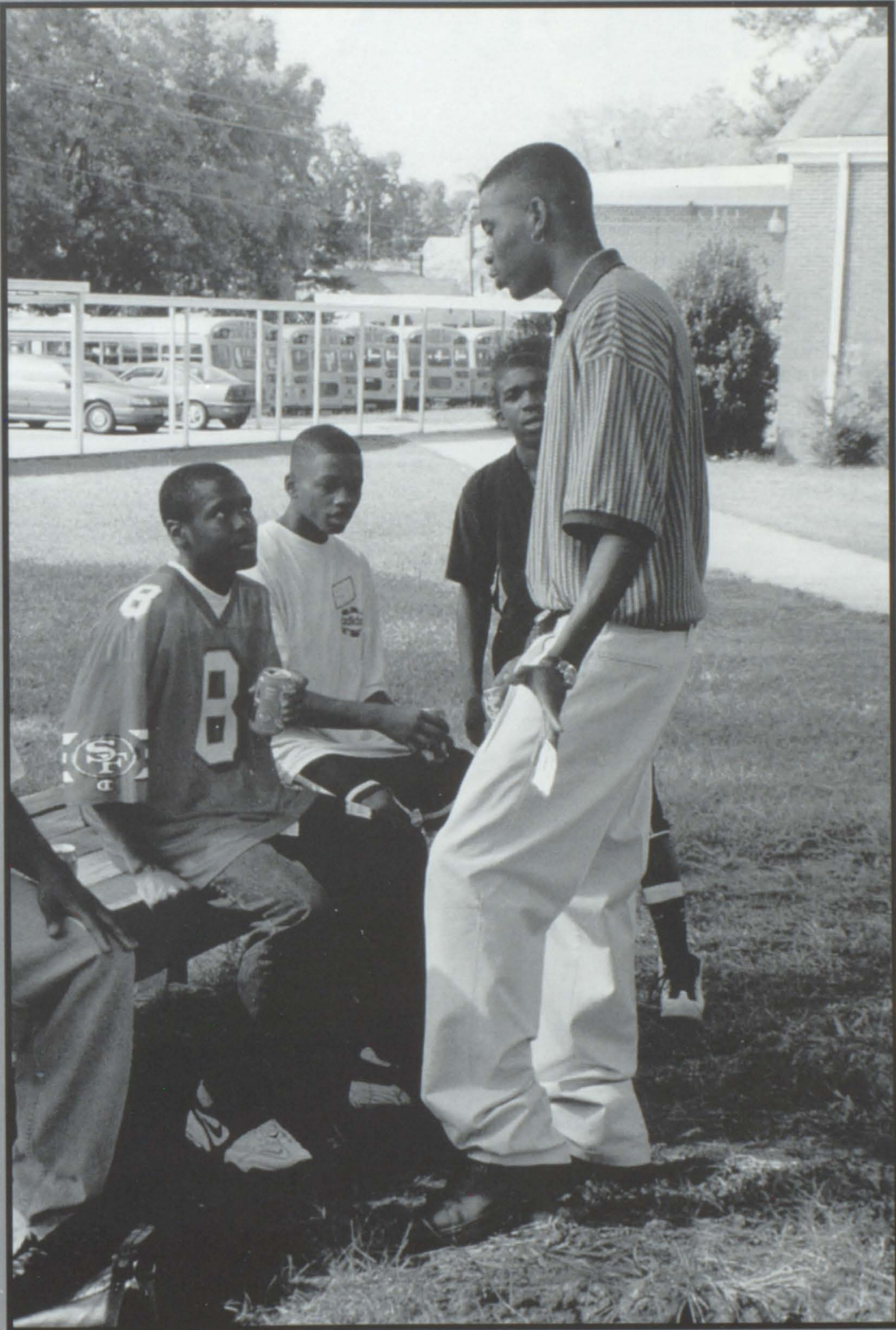
Welcome to "OUR WORLD"

M a n y
things change from year to
year but somethings stay the same.

Regardless of who are the seniors, they
really don't "**rule**" the school. All students do!

This is their little part of the **Real World**. It begins
the same everyday, a quick breakfast and a quick stop
by the store to grab some goodies. From 7:55 to 3:00,
students prepare for the future in which they will go out into
the world. Some students join different clubs to help them
prepare for their life while others just work at after school
jobs. Even though there doesn't seem to be enough time to
participate in all the clubs and work, the students still find time
to hang out at the favorite hangouts. The foyer and the
windows on the gym hall still are the top of the crop. Other
places along the hall and outside the cafeteria come in a
close second. Homecoming is the highlight of the year, in
which classes compete to see who has the most
school spirit. The prom is also a major thing for
juniors and seniors. At the end of the year
each student can look back and say that
high school is a part of the
Real World!





IN OUR OWN

Going home was **NOT** an option for most students during homecoming week. When the bell rang at the end of the day, class representatives migrated into their OWN LITTLE WORLD thinking of nothing but how to defeat every **other** class to be the victors of Homecoming 1996!

On Monday, the freshmen class swung into first place on SWING DAY. Then on Wednesday, the sophomores TREED their way to the top with their class wall decoration. The talent show was on Thursday and Haley Mitchell SANG the juniors into first place. Finally, on Friday, the seniors came in first place in the PENNY COUNT.

Points were tabulated on the final day of competition and the results were announced at the pep rally. The **freshmen** had captured first prize and had "bragging" rights for a whole year!



"GOTTA LOVE IT" yells Tarsha and Chavone Spruel. The senior spirit was evident all week long.



Sugar and spice and everything nice. The effort of the class of 1999 resulted in sweet success in their new world.

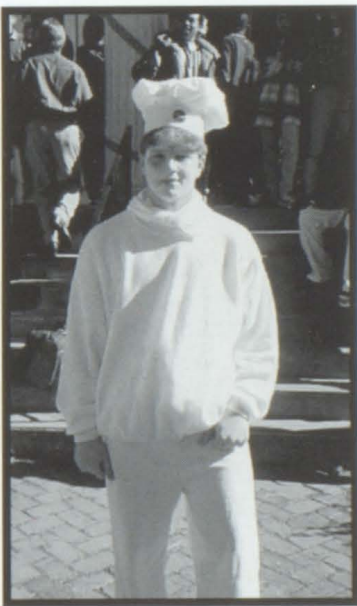


LITTLE WORLD



"We Want It Bad" yells the senior class at the pep rally. Their creativity and screams put them in second place.

A FLAWLESS VICTORY was the plan of the sophomores. Cage ball was a new game added to the homecoming activities.



Fluffy, white, and fresh from the oven, Destin Burnett dressed up to insure freshmen of a win!



The 1996 MHS Homecoming court was chosen by popular vote within each class. Each member of the court was not only chosen for beauty, but for personality and ability. The queen and her court were presented during the half-time show of the homecoming game. The 1995 Homecoming queen, Lynnkeesha Gilmore, returned to pass the crown to the new queen, Chavone Spruel. As the half-time show came to an end, anticipation began to stir, and the crowd and the court...**Waited To Exhale.** The crowd cheered wildly as Chavone took reign of the festivities.

For the second consecutive year the dance was held on Saturday night. It provided a time for friends, couples, and even teachers to kick back and have a little fun. Senior Rebecca Ladewig stated that "this being my last dance, it was my favorite by far." The deejay, Pro Cat, entertained the crowd and played many favorites, including the theme song, "I Believe I Can Fly" by R. Kelly. The leadout began at nine o'clock, two hours after the dance had begun. As the night quickly faded away, students began to put the memory of the week's activities into their memories and store them into yet another chapter of the **Real World.**



Waiting...

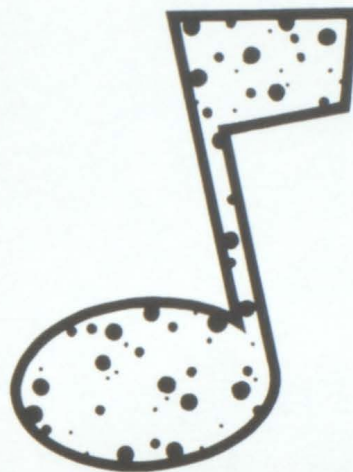


The freshman court attendants were Tiffany Goldsmith and D'Andrea Ward. Riding in the parade was a new experience for the girls.

The 1995 Homecoming Queen, Lynnkeesha Gilmore crowns Chavone Spruel the new Homecoming Queen of MHS. This recognition was awarded to Chavone during the half-time show of the big game.



to Exhale



Senior Melissa Ludlum and MHS graduate, Daniel Schweitzer, dance to the theme song. This year's song was "I Believe I Can Fly" by R. Kelly.

The 1996 Homecoming court: (L to R) D'Andrea Ward, Pam Brown, Tiff-nay McCay, Katrina Staffney, Chavone Spruel, Maggie Plott, Louise Carson, Charlotte Bouldin, and Tiffany Goldsmith.



"This being my last dance,
it was my favorite by far."

Rebecca Ladewig



Sittin' On Top Of The World

Held on November 16, 1996, the fourth Miss MHS pageant was a smashing success. "The pageant was an unforgettable experience, I had a great time!" said Loren Leigh McAnally. Held in the auditorium, the pageant was a hit, thanks to the coordination of Mr. Larry Haynes. The evening ended with the Miss MHS crown going to senior Lindsey Cardone. "This year has been really exciting and winning the Miss MHS title has only added to the excitement. I really had a lot of fun participating in the pageant," said Lindsey. According to the contestants, **the real world** has its rewards.



Miss MHS Winners: Second runner-up, Heather Bear; first runner-up, Loren Leigh McAnally; Miss MHS, Lindsey Cardone; third runner-up, April Flowers, and fourth runner-up, Jennifer Bowden.

Escorts McShan Walker, Zack Layman, Josh Smitherman and Matt Pawlik strike a pose for the camera. They were tremendous help to the pageant.





Lindsey Cardone, displays the winner's trophy after being crowned Miss MHS 1996-97. She carried on a family tradition by succeeding her cousin, Libby Mathews' who reigned as Miss MHS 1995-96.



Loren Leigh McAnally screams with delight as she is named runner-up while second runner-up, Heather Beaty looks on.



Pageant contestants wait expectantly for the announcement of the winners and crowning of the new Miss MHS.



P o w e r o f L o v e

Senior PROM

Chiffon dresses. Rented tuxedos. Carnation corsages. Sweetheart roundabouts. These items spell out only on thing — PROM. The annual junior-senior prom was held on April 25 at the Bessemer Civic Center. The theme song was Celine Dion's, "Power of Love". The theme of the prom was A String of Pearls and the room was filled with purple and silver decorations. "I really thought that the decorations were attractive and I liked the free picture frames," said Cherie Stobert. All seniors were given a pair of free picture frames and all who attended received "Power of Love" t-shirts. Seniors were introduced during the leadout which began at 10:30 PM. At the conclusion of the procession, Zack Layman and Maggie Plott were crowned King and Queen of the festivities. The royal couple and all present had a world of fun!



Zack Layman and Maggie Plott were the popular choices to reign as king and queen of the junior-senior prom. They enjoyed sharing the spotlight at the annual event.

Couples line up for the leadout and watch as others make their grand entrance.



"It was so much fun this year, especially since most of my friends went."

Erin George





Mrs. Chappell and juniors Christie Lucas, Bethany Evans, and Louise Carson inspect the prom decorations. Decorating of the prom takes much time and effort.



Melissa Ludlum attempts to repair Rebecca Ladewig's hair for pictures. After pictures, the girls kicked off their shoes and began to dance.

Senior Cherie Stobert cheerfully waits for her date to accompany her on the dance floor. There was a variety of songs played during the evening to satisfy all the couples' requests.



ILLUMINATORS

On May 12, 1997, the annual Award's Day was held. For some it was their very first and for some it would be their very last at Montevallo High School. "Since it was my last year, I was sad, but I was happy for my friends who received awards," said senior, Kristie Adams.

The Mistress of Ceremony was Ms. Susie Dement. Not only did she present the awards, but she also received an award presented to her by Representative Curtis Smith and Senator Bill Armistead. The awards presented to the students were based on academics, athletics, citizenship, and scholarship. Many received academic awards for receiving all A's. "I was very surprised, yet happy about my award," said freshman Laura Mannini.

Distinguished visitors presented selected seniors with numerous scholarships from various colleges. "I was very proud of myself because I can see that the hard work and effort paid off in the long run," said senior, Lendale Young. At the end of the ceremony, no matter how big or small the presentation was, those awarded for their hard work and effort proved that they were THE ILLUMINATORS OF OUR WORLD.



Miss Susie Dement listens intently as she is presented with her award for being named to the Coaches' Hall of Fame. She has served MHS athletic teams for fifty years.



Scholarship winners: (Front) Beau Blake, Kathy Sturgis, Zack Layman, Jessica Holcomb, Kenrick Allen, LaToya Young, Josh Smitherman, Donald Clayton, Erin George, Heather Beaty, Matt Pawlik, Milan Chappel, Jaimie Hutton, Jason Abernathy, David Pratscher, James Brown, Undrae Lilly, Lendale Young, and Andy Reid.

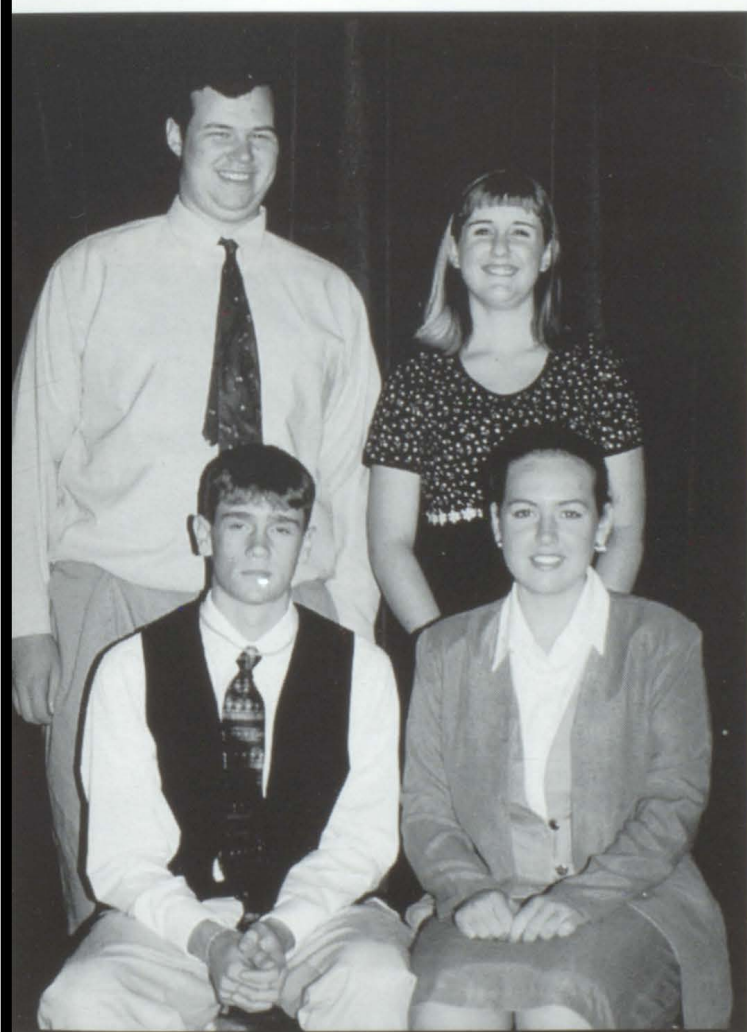
The Danforth Award goes to juniors who demonstrate characteristics such as constructive leadership, excellence in character, and potential for adult leadership. The Danforth nominees were: (front) Runners up Brent McChesney, Christine Simmer, and (back) Winners: Matt Walker, Margaret Daum.



OF OUR WORLD



Perry Lawley and Jason Carlee help start off the awards ceremony with the Star-Spangled Banner. The band received a well-deserved standing ovation.



Milan Chappell smiles as he signs a basketball scholarship to Shelton State. He is shown with the coach from Shelton State, his mother, and Bobby Pierson.



Our Place



"Graduation is a celebration, not sadness. These have been the best twelve years of my life."

Willie Stone

"As the year came to an end, I realized that our days together were numbered."

Casey Barnes

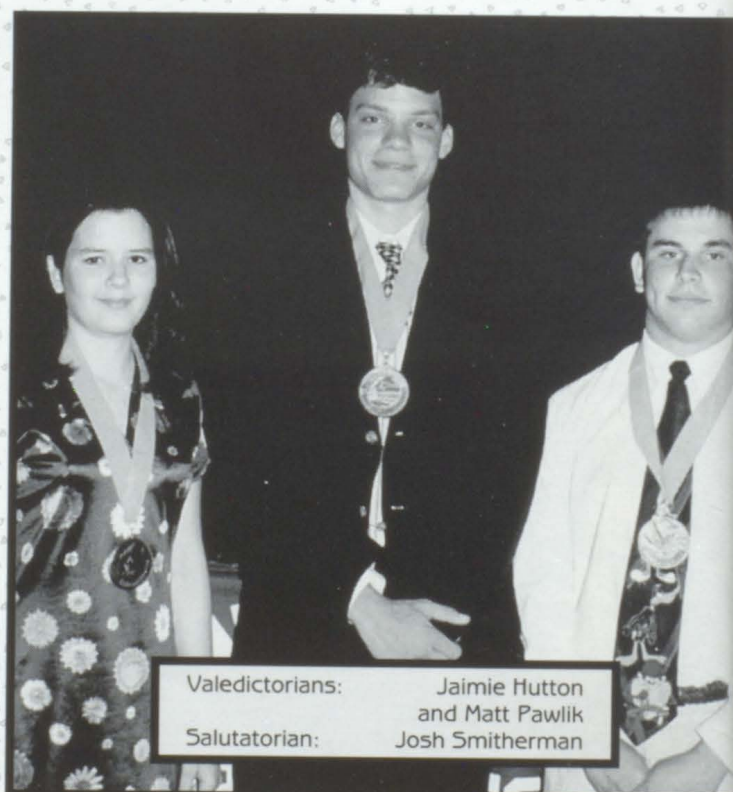
"Graduation is a time for us all to move on with our lives, but also a time to have fun!"

Andrea Taylor



Melissa Ludlum is stunned by the graduation ceremony. She was thrilled to finally be a **graduate** of MHS!

New graduates, Dawn Fochtman and Rachel Bearden model the latest in eyewear at the formal reception held after the graduation ceremony.



Valedictorians: Jaimie Hutton and Matt Pawlik
Salutatorian: Josh Smitherman



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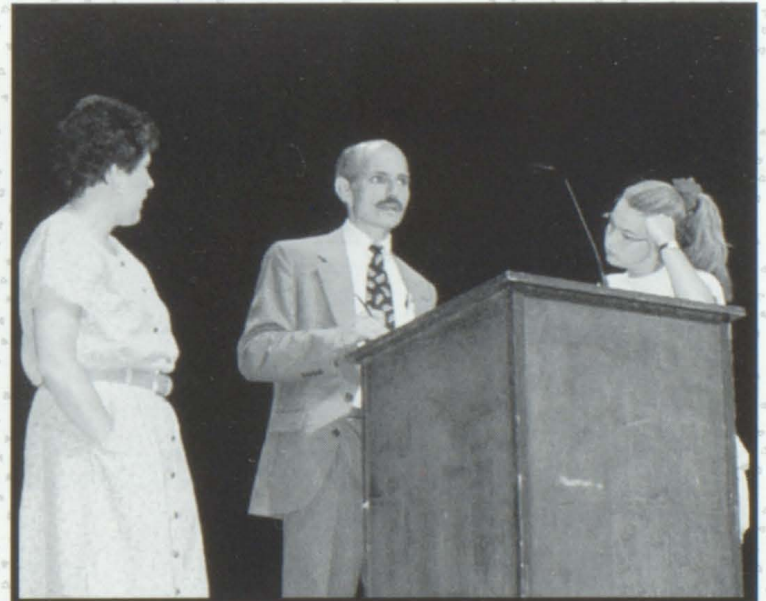
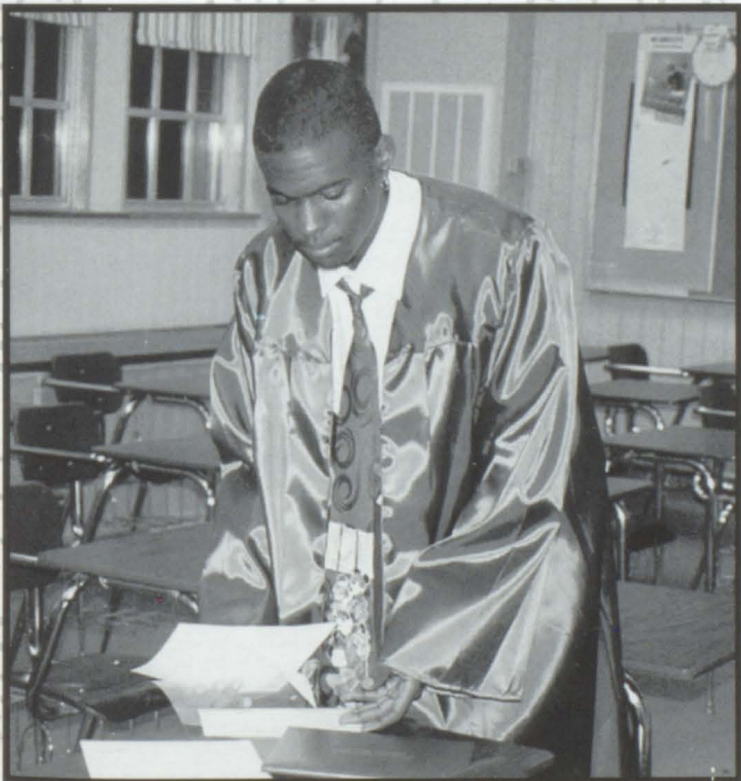
When the Class of 1997 entered school as freshmen, their thoughts were full of new adventures, seeing old friends, beginning new classes, and getting adjusted to the **REAL WORLD** of high school. As they grew as high school students, many important events took place: getting a driver's license, school dances, sporting events, homecoming activities, gaining knowledge and making new friends. As they

moved on, new responsibilities arose, and their thoughts turned elsewhere. But for all seniors, this time in their life was marked by one important event: **GRADUATION**.

It was a special night; for many, it was the last time they would see all of their classmates together. That night marked the beginning of the trip to the **REAL WORLD**. Once they had walked across that stage and taken their diploma, there would be no going back. The voyage through high school was complete. The ceremony was a memorable one, with traditional music and customs. Valedictorians, Matt Pawlik and Jaimie Hutton delivered speeches to fellow graduates, underclassmen, faculty, family and friends. Salutatorian, Josh Smitherman brought reminders of some fond memories with his heartfelt speech. Graduation was a time to remember, because it marked the end of high school days and the beginning of the journey into the **REAL WORLD** for all of the graduating members of the Class of 1997.



raduation 1997



Kelsey Fields examines the contents of his graduation binder. He was happy that the program was over and he was "out of here"!

Counselor Jan Walker and principal George Theodore prepare Heather Beaty for her part in the graduation practice.



ELECTION '96 A Tug of War

After months of tugging back and forth down fell Bob Dole! Bill Clinton was elected to a second term in the executive office. Alabama students participated in a nation wide student mock election. This election was the biggest one in state history. Over the summer, student leaders from across the state met at Hoover High School for an election rally. They were encouraged to vote and get others to vote. They were on advised of the major issues in a number of races. On October 28, 1996 all MHS students voted in their second period classes. The results from voting schools across Alabama were called in to the capital where student volunteers calculated the results. Our school's results were very similar to the nations as a whole. MHS seemed to be ready for the **REAL WORLD** after all.

The freshman class completed a special **THE VOTE '96** project to help them become familiar with the election process and with the issues involved.

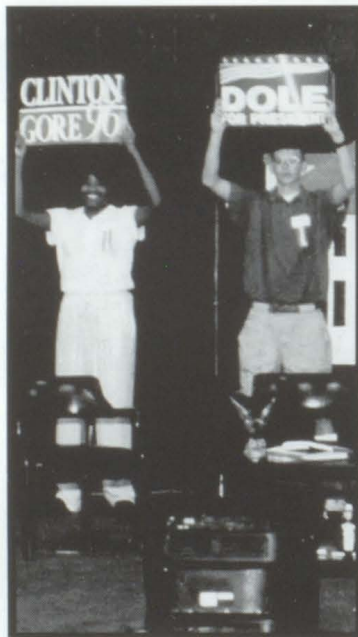
Scott George, husband of MHS faculty member, Michele George was elected to the Shelby County Commissioner. On November 4, 1996, Mr. George unexpectedly lost his life to an apparent brain aneurism. He was survived by his wife and three-week old daughter, Gracie Victoria. Many people in local and state politics believed that Scott might have been governor one day. Mrs. George was appointed by Governor Jim Folsom as the County Commissioner to complete her husband's dream of holding public office and serving the community. "From the time I first began to focus on it, I had no doubt. Scott always said that he wanted me to run for political office someday" said Mrs. George. When asked by the *Birmingham News* of her decision to accept the commissioner's seat, Mrs. George said that she believed it was God's will for her to hold the position.



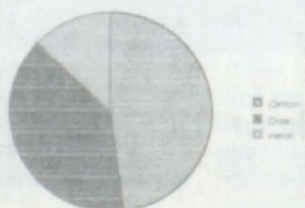
Jane Walker carries the American flag in the opening ceremony at the student rally. Others paraded in with political placards and campaign signs.

Katrina Staffney and Zack Layman show their candidate choice by holding banners of support. They represented MHS at the local student political rally.

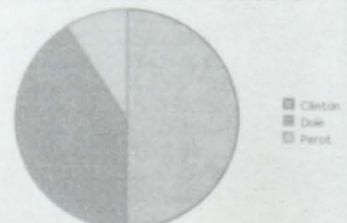
Brandy Dailey and Erin Ryerson, dressed in period costume, march at the opening ceremony. They played a spirited "Yankie Doodle Dandy" on their flutes.

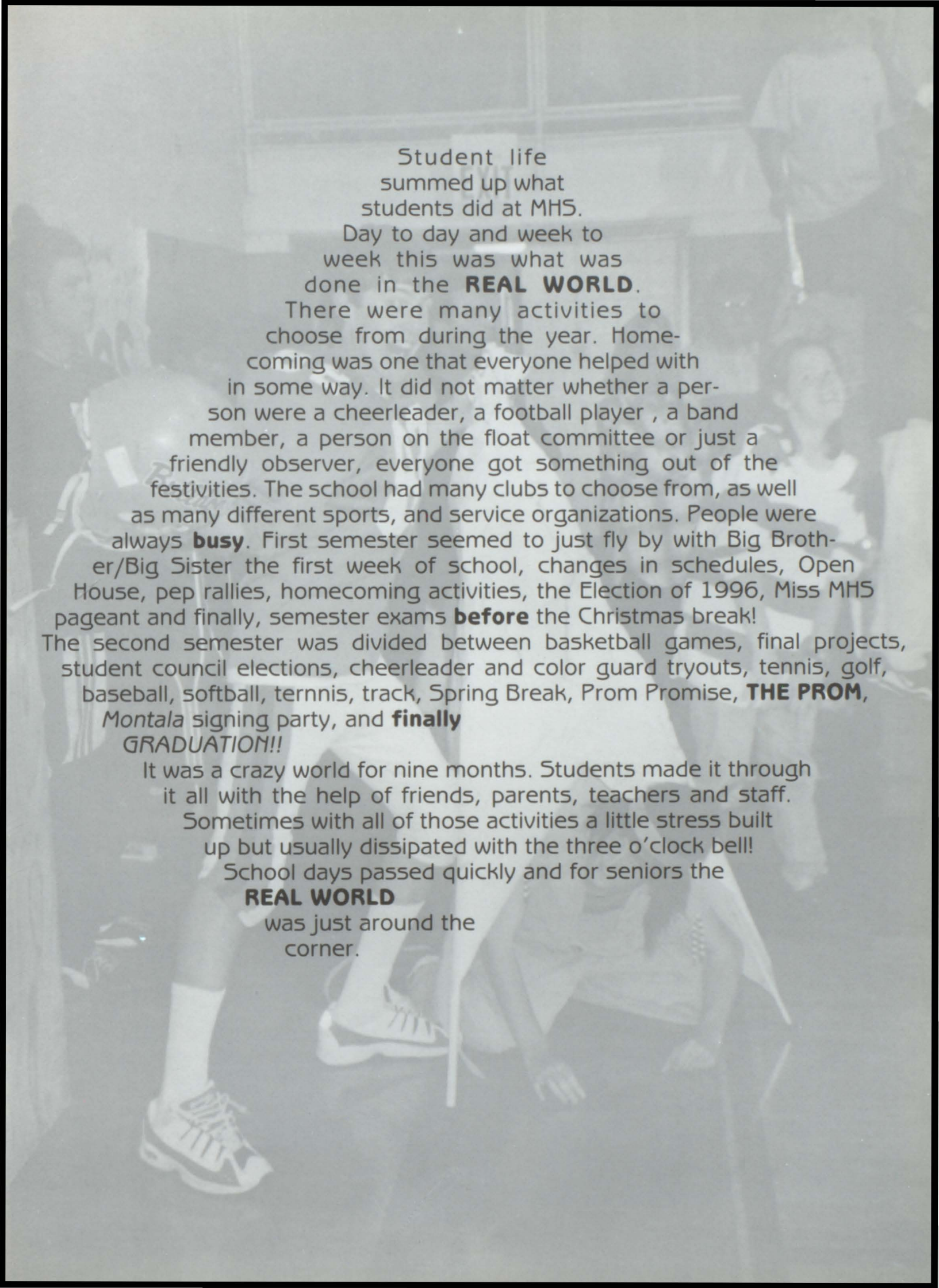


M.H.S. Election Results



National Election Results





Student life
summed up what
students did at MHS.

Day to day and week to
week this was what was
done in the **REAL WORLD**.

There were many activities to
choose from during the year. Home-
coming was one that everyone helped with
in some way. It did not matter whether a per-
son were a cheerleader, a football player, a band
member, a person on the float committee or just a
friendly observer, everyone got something out of the
festivities. The school had many clubs to choose from, as well
as many different sports, and service organizations. People were
always **busy**. First semester seemed to just fly by with Big Brother/
Big Sister the first week of school, changes in schedules, Open
House, pep rallies, homecoming activities, the Election of 1996, Miss MHS
pageant and finally, semester exams **before** the Christmas break!
The second semester was divided between basketball games, final projects,
student council elections, cheerleader and color guard tryouts, tennis, golf,
baseball, softball, tennis, track, Spring Break, Prom Promise, **THE PROM**,
Montala signing party, and **finally**
GRADUATION!!

It was a crazy world for nine months. Students made it through
it all with the help of friends, parents, teachers and staff.

Sometimes with all of those activities a little stress built
up but usually dissipated with the three o'clock bell!

School days passed quickly and for seniors the

REAL WORLD

was just around the
corner.

ORGANIZE TO MAKE THE WORLD

What
would the MHS world
be like without organizations?

They provided entertainment, socialization, and learning experiences.

From Student Council to Scholar's Bowl to FFA, they were a vital part of student life.

Some clubs like Key Club, National Honor Society, and FHA were service organizations. They worked for the welfare of others, and helped when needed. Other groups, like Math Team and Scholar's Bowl competed academically against other schools. Some even traveled like the Spanish Club and the Band. No matter how they were classified, organizations were important to the overall life of the school. Almost everyone took part in some organization at some time during the year. Many students tried to 'do it all', filling their world with too many groups to count. Others preferred to focus on one or two clubs. Whichever they chose, it certainly could be said that

**organizations made the world
GO ROUND.**



GO R O U N D



STEEP LIVESLY

Tracy Lutz steps lively in a parade through the streets of Montevallo. The band's tune, "Hooray for Hollywood" was a real crowd pleaser.

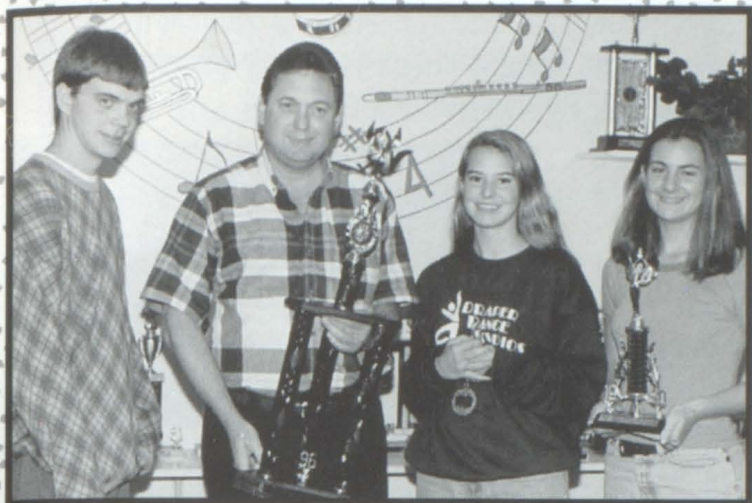
As they blast out tunes in the stands, the flutes and clarinettes show everyone they can hold their own in the **real world!**



Everyone loves a parade, and the troubadours left little reason to question that fact. Hillary Franklin and Lauren Ryerson gave their best performance.



TROUBADOURS



Donald Clayton, Jim Weese, Heather Beaty and Tracy Rogers show off the trophies the band received at an area contest. The band received all **ONES!**

The trumpets show that 'brass is class' as they march down Main Street. Their stunning performance left no doubt that they could perform in the 'real world.'



Stepping was just one of the many things this year's marching band had to do. Learning a routine, staying in step, it certainly was a new experience for freshman marchers! For veteran troubadours, it was like stepping back into a familiar world. To survive in this world, a band has to be as close to perfect as possible. Hours of practice on the field was not enough, it also took hard work and dedication. The troubadours proved to the rest of the world that they could hold their own in any contest. At an area competition they won highest honors with their Elvis Medley. "We put a lot of hard work and effort

We put a lot of hard work and effort into the show, and it paid off in the end!
— Roy Shackelford

into the show, and it paid off in the end!" Said Roy Shackelford, first chair baritone. It certainly did take effort to put out the show! After blasting out the 20th Century Fox introduction, the band moved into "Hooray for Hollywood," followed by "New York, New York," and "Knight Rider," the drum feature. They topped it off with a tribute to Elvis, and a special appearance by the "King" himself. Pepping up pep rallies, performing at football games, and many other activities prepared these marchers for tough times and the real world.

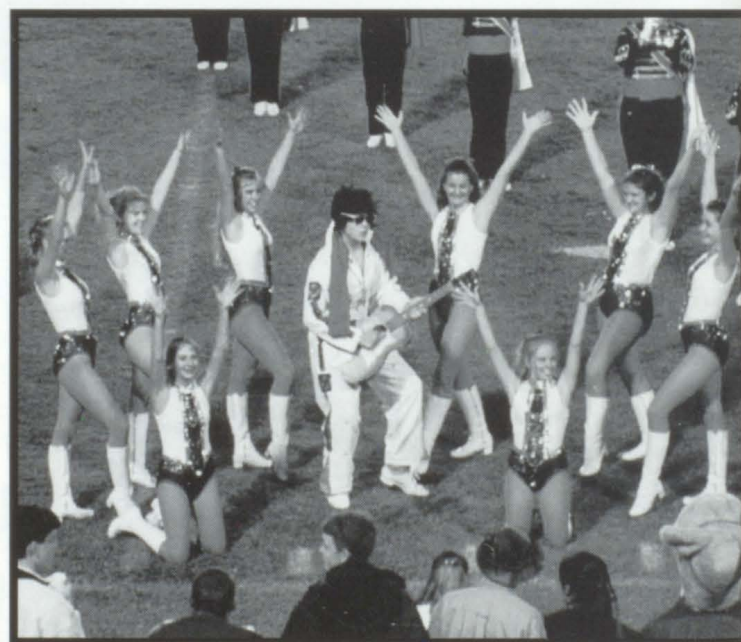


Major SHOW OFFS

Nineteen ninety-six was the year to be a majorette at Montevallo High School. During July, they went to camp in Huntsville for three days of learning tricks, routines, and new dance steps. The crowd went **wild** at the first pep rally when the majorette squad charmed the school with an awesome new routine. They really contributed to the crowd's enthusiasm at every pep rally and game.

The squad received a superior rating from the judge at competition in Pell City. Drum Major Heather Beaty attended the Heart of Dixie Drum Major Camp at Jacksonville State University where she was awarded a superior rating. The drum major, majorettes and ELVIS made the halftime shows and competitions spectacular.

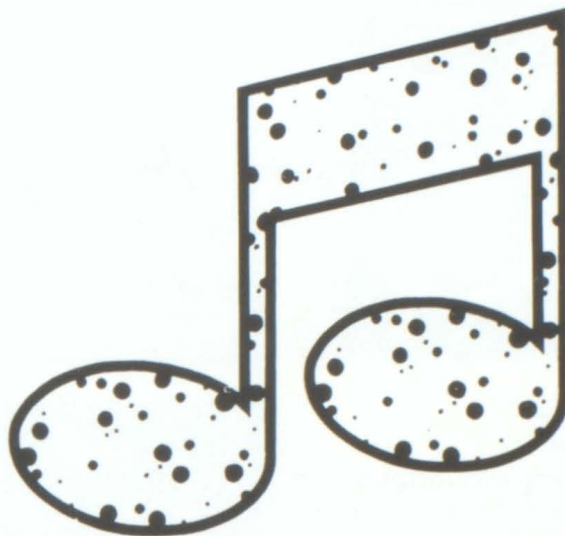
Loren Leigh McAnally rehearses a routine before the annual Trade Day Parade. It was a great sunny day for a parade and Loren performed well.



The KING has arrived! The home crowd went wild after another perfect performance by Elvis and his entourage of lovely majorettes.

"Being Drum Major made this year the most memorable year of marching band to me. It has made me a better leader."

*Drum Major
Heather Beaty*



Rachel Bearden practices kicks during Band Camp. This was Rachel's 3rd year to lead the Marching Troubadours onto the field.



Lauren Hendon, Kristie Adams, Tracy Rogers, and Tina Smith try to attract business for the majorettes' summer car wash. The funds raised helped send them to camp and buy new uniforms.



1996 Majorettes with their superior trophy: Lauren Hendon, Hannah Scott, Kristie Adams, Tina Smith, Rachel Bearden, Lori Lyle. Back row: Loren Leigh McAnally, Tracy Rogers (head).





PRIDE of

Throughout the years pride came to mean many things to the Montevallo High School Troubadours. However, on May 26, 1997, everyone knew what it really meant. After almost thirty years of teaching at MHS, Mr. Jim Weese directed his last spring concert. Mr. Weese taught band for the seventh through twelfth grades. He traveled every day from the middle school after directing two bands, to the high school to direct the symphonic band. Highlights from the spring concert included selections from *Independence Day*, and a march written by Mr. Weese just for the concert, **"Pride of the Troubadours"**. Mr. Weese said the tune just "came to him while he was riding in his car". Weese instilled pride in all of his band students and he left a legacy of pride in performance for all that would follow. Mr. Weese would definitely be missed! In late spring all band members voted on outstanding band students in each grade. This year's recipients were freshmen, Lacy Horsley and Jason Carlee; sophomore, Perry Lawley; junior, Ray Garza; and the highest honor awarded, the John Philip Sousa Senior Award went to Andrea Wynn.



Heather Beaty assists Kristie Adams with her cumberbund. The uniform was just another reminder of the pride of the Troubadours at each concert.



Jason Carlee, Perry Lawley, and Andrea Wynn rehearse before the spring concert. These award winners earned their recognition by having outstanding practice habits and performances.



Louise Carson and Laurel Horsley play long tones until it is time to warm up. They gave a great performance.

What PRIDE

"To me, pride means having lots of trophies to show off!"
Connie Stobert

"Pride means working hard whether you like it or not."
Joseph Stone

"Giving 110% at whatever you do."
Ray Garza



the Troubadours



Director Jim Weese warms the band up before his final Spring Concert. Twenty-five of his twenty-seven years were teaching at MHS.

The trumpet line tunes up before the spring concert. They were great for the final Weese performance at MHS.

means to me...

"Having pride means being responsible and caring."

Gina Dutton

"Pride means doing what it takes to get the job done."

Jason Carlee

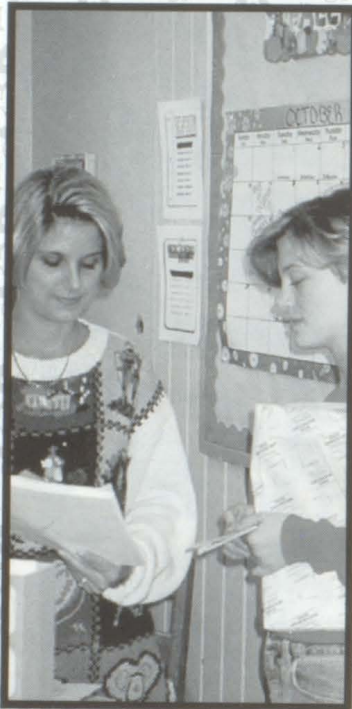
"You have to have pride to succeed."

Lora Brand



We Are The World...

STUDENT COUNCIL



President Maggie Plott goes over homecoming plans with advisor, Melanie Ray. The council worked with other student leaders to promote the best homecoming ever!

Sandy Fochtman, Loren McAnally, and Dawn Fochtman sort cans for food baskets. The food drive helped needy families during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Jaimie Hutton prepares to give blood. The Red Cross Blood Drive brought in 93 pints of blood for donation!



The Real World

Andrea Wynn decorates Hester's collection box for the food drive. This year's food drive brought in a record number of items.



The world was made a little brighter thanks to the Student Council. Many students and members of the community contributed to activities such as the White Carnation Fund, which provides turkeys for needy families, Thanksgiving and Christmas food drives, and the American Red Cross Blood Drive thanks to the leadership provided by the council. Led by advisor Melanie Ray and president Maggie Plott, they conducted the best Thanksgiving food drive on record. In addition to service, the organization coordinates the annual homecoming festivities. This was once again the highlight of the school year. The council met its goal to *lend a helping hand to the **REAL WORLD***.

Josh Williams and Katrina Staffney assist Maggie Plott in selecting turkeys for the White Carnation Fund. The fund was started in 1993 by MHS alumnus Paul Boyd to provide families with Christmas turkeys.



Front: M. Ray (Sponsor), T. Goldsmith, K. Metclaf, L. Cottingham, M. Postell, C. Brasher, E. Callahan. Second: T. Lilly, J. McIntyre, C. Smitherman, B. Thompson, L. Cottingham, H. Dickson. Third: T. Spruel, K. Mayfield, J. Bowden, M. Plott, C. Stobert, L. Young. Fourth: T. Lightfoot, Y. Tolbert, D. Fochtman, S. Fochtman, M. Daum, T. Chappell. Fifth: T. Mahaffey, B. Blake, H. Beaty, S. Simone. Sixth: A. Wynn, D. Sisco, C. Barnes, M. Rodgers. Back: J. Brown, K. Staffney.



PEER HELPERS MAKE...

Senator Roger Smitherman speaks to the student body at the Black History Program. He delivered a motivating talk to the students and guests who had come to the celebration.



Officers

Dawn Fochtmann	Treasurer
Andrea Wynn	Vice-President
Katrina Staffney	President
Donald Clayton	Secretary
LaToya Young	Historian

Front: T. Lightfoot, L. Young, C. Brasher, L. Horsley, Second: C. Heath, L. Peebles, K. McMinn, H. Dickson, C. Smitherman, K. Henderson, B. Dailey, Third: T. Goldsmith, K. Lawley, T. Lilly, Y. Tolbert, M. Daum, S. Fochtmann, A. Wyatt, R. Ross, Fourth: W. Nelson, W. Stone, D. Fochtmann, E. George, L. Ryerson, L. Horsley, A. Stone, Back: C. Simmer, M. Walker, T. Rogers, L. McNally, A. Wynn, K. Czeskleba, D. Clayton, K. Staffney, P. Lawley, L. Young, and M. Walker.



A WORLD OF

"I enjoy being a peer helper because I like to know that I make a difference," said Erin George. Peer Helpers did many things to make a difference in the school, whether it was tutoring, counseling or just providing a shoulder to lean on.

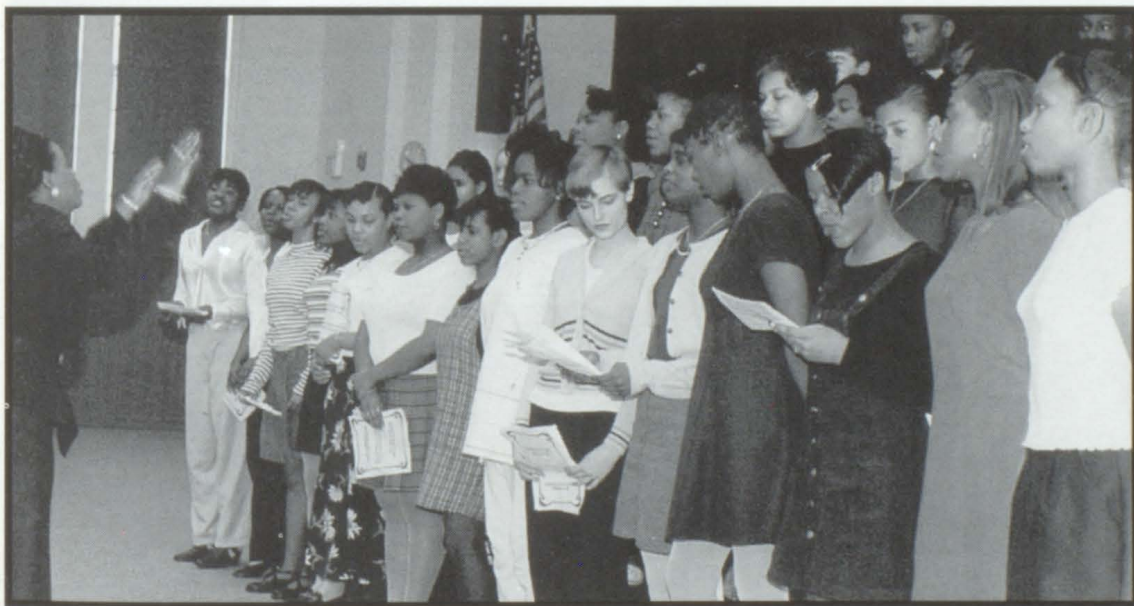
In November, members traveled to Camp Winnataska for the annual training session. "Because this was my last year, I really looked forward to attending camp. Meeting other Peer Helpers from around the county and learning about the activities they participate in was a lot of fun," said vice president Andrea Wynn.

At the Black History Program, sponsored by Peer Helpers, Senator Roger Smitherman, the guest speaker, spoke to the student body on how a person from a rough background can triumph over his or her obstacles. His speech as well as all other aspects of the program were inspirational for all who attended.

Peer Helpers proved that they could *make a world of difference*.



Stacy Pickett, Amanda Wyatt, and Keith Czeskleba prepare for a session at Peer Helper camp. Sessions were held on peer pressure, harassment and other issues.



Evelyn Mitchell leads participants in song during the Black History Program. The singing was enjoyed by all who attended the annual event. The choir selections included old spirituals and some gospel renditions.

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SPEND A YEAR

Whether they were writing copy or creating layouts, the 1997 *Montala* staff had the difficult task of capturing the year in photographs and in words. Meeting deadlines, editing and re-editing, it certainly was not an easy responsibility. Thanks to the help of yearbook sponsor Jan Rogers and the dedication of the senior editors, the job was *finally* completed.

This year's staff was headed by seniors Maggie Plott, Katrina Staffney, Andrea Wynn, LaToya Young, Dawn Fochtmann, and Casey Barnes. Juniors Margaret Daum, Sandy Fochtmann, and Loren McAnally also put in a great effort. The staff was rounded out with two rookies, who were Roy Shackelford and Lauren Hendon. "I think that Lauren and Roy did quite well in their first year. It was a lot of information to learn and perfect, but they handled it!" said Margaret Daum.

The staff used a new program called *UltraVision*, which eliminated Typevision and Pagevision from previous years. This one program replaced the other two. "It made our jobs a little bit easier," said Katrina Staffney. In addition to producing layouts the staff was responsible for raising the 12,000 plus dollars needed to pay the expense of development and publication of the 1997 yearbook.

They also decided to stay on a fall delivery schedule, making the yearbook complete from the first school day through graduation exercises. The highlight of the year for the *Montala* staff was the signing party. It gave the buyers of the yearbook an opportunity to leave messages to their friends since they would not receive the actual book until late summer.

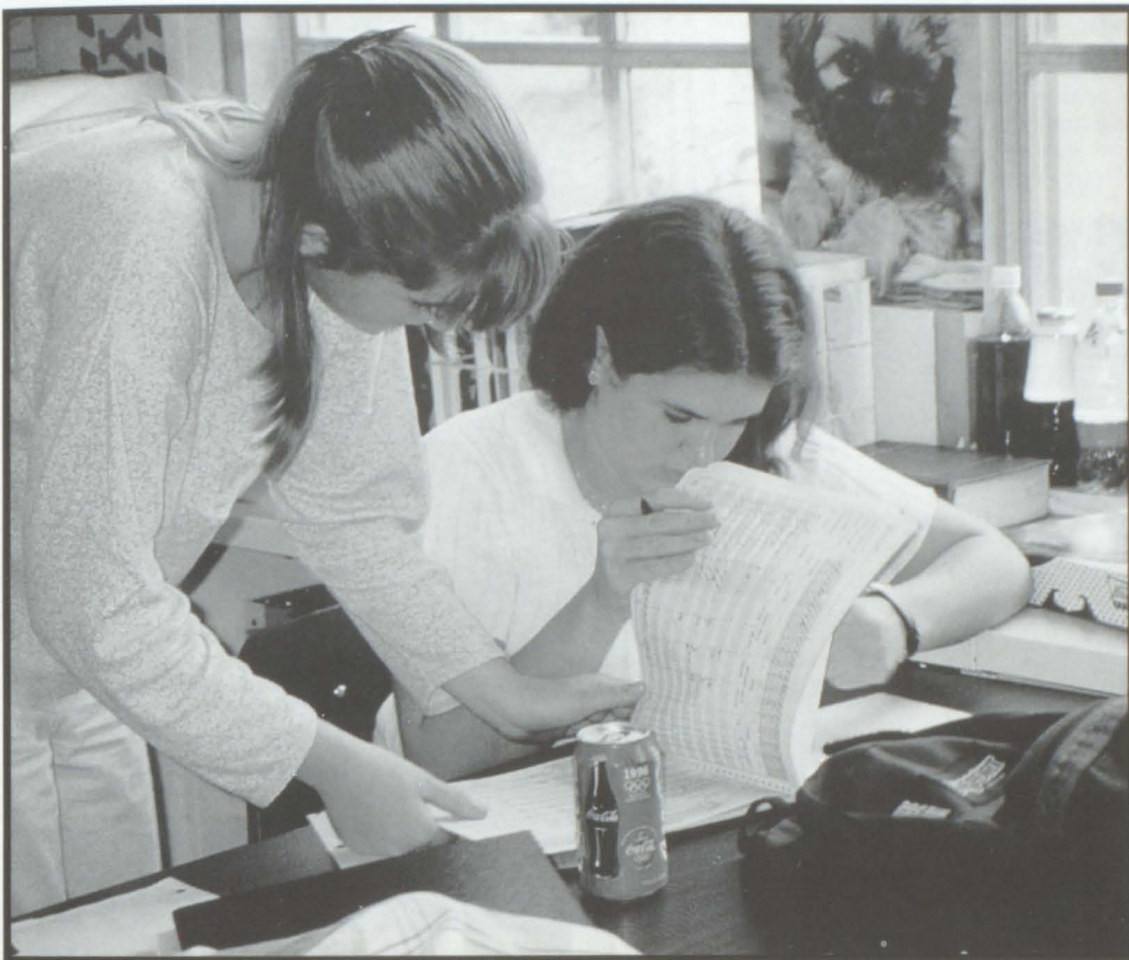


Loren McAnally works hard to complete her layout before the deadline! Often, the staff worked right up to the day of the deadline to get pages in on time!

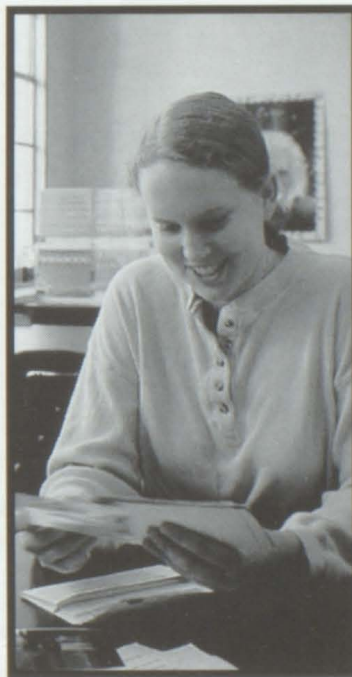
Montala Staff (back) J. Rogers (Advisor), Roy Shackelford, Dawn Fochtmann, Sandy Fochtmann, Andrea Wynn, Loren Leigh McAnally, (middle) Maggie Plott, Katrina Staffney, Lauren Hendon, LaToya Young, (front) Casey Barnes, and Margaret Daum



IN OUR WORLD



Margaret Daum assists rookie Lauren Hendon with a layout. With her help Lauren was right on time. The staff always had snacks on hand to help with the stress of deadlines!



Kathy Sturgis, Charlotte Bouldin, and Jessica Ballentine lean on Eric Jones as they sign autograph pages at the yearbook signing. It was a great day to get out of class, get outside, get some sun and get lots of autographs!

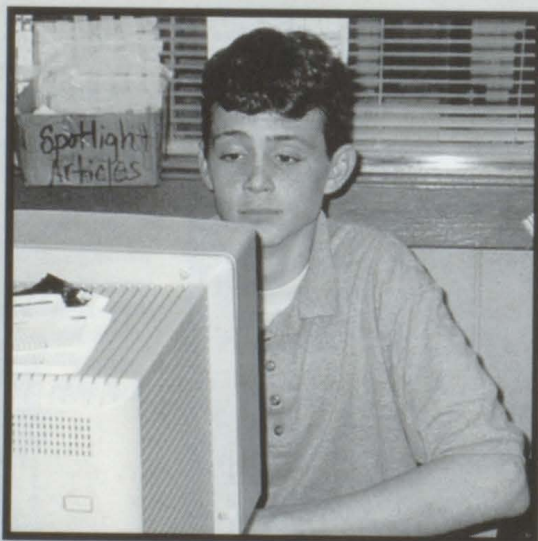
Senior Casey Barnes searches through snapshots for the very best one. She wanted her selections to be perfect for her layout.





Lacy Horsley, Holly Dickson, and Katie McMinn bundle up in the cold New York air. It was a great travel experience for these MHS freshmen!

Journalism students strike a pose in front of Rockefeller Center in New York City. The group led by Larry Haynes was attending a national convention.



Sports writer McShan Walker types in his latest story. He was on the sidelines getting the 'stats' for every ballgame.



Senior Tri-Editors Matt Pawlik, Zack Layman, and Donald Clayton discuss which pictures fit the SPOTLIGHT layout for the week. They spent many long hours after school working on the paper.

Get REAL in the Big Apple

Journalism, mass communications, and yearbook staffers hit it big time in the Big Apple. Forty-six students, chaperones, and teachers traveled by train to New York City, March 16 through March 22. The purpose of the trip was to attend the Columbia University Scholastic Press Association National Spring Convention. They attended workshops, seminars, and went sightseeing. Highlights of the trip were the Statue of Liberty, Empire State Building, and the Broadway play *Les Miserables*.

The SPOTLIGHT staff had another successful year for 1996-1997. In the state competition, many students earned individual awards. The SPOTLIGHT also earned the All-Alabama award for the **fourth year** in a row. They were the first school newspaper to win this award. The Columbia Scholastic Press Association awarded the SPOTLIGHT a **Gold Medalist** rating while they were in New York.



SPOTLIGHT staff: (front) Kristie Lawley, Colby Heath, Jamie McIntyre, Kathy Sturgis, Amir Ebrahimi, (2nd) Kimberly Verchot, Charlotte Bouldin, David Epperson, Hannah Fletcher, Holly Dickson, Lacy Horsley, (3rd) Eric Jones, McShan Walker, Josh Smitherman, Jenny Moore, Brandy Hamm, Jane Walker, (back) Misty Burnette, Danny Butcke, Zack Layman, Matt Walker, Donald Clayton.

The Theatre Arts classes made some changes and tried new

things in 1996-97. They had a new addition to their department—a **new director**, Ross Chappell. In addition, the performers were renamed *The Moonlight Players*.

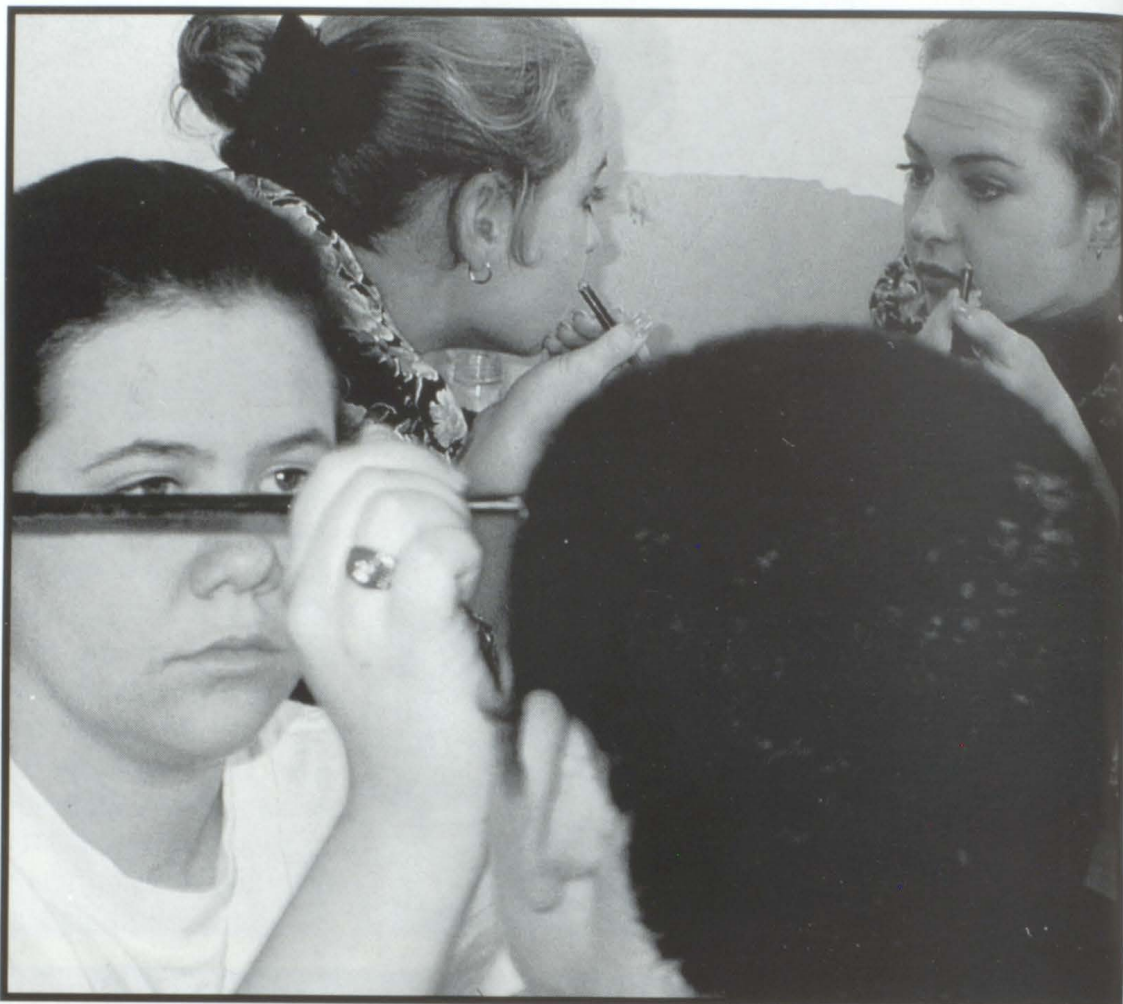
The players scheduled two plays that were very different from what they had been accustomed to performing. First semester they had a three-act comedy called *Arsenic and Old Lace*. Another change was that both plays were performed at Reynolds Hall at the University of Montevallo. The change in settings was one appreciated by the drama department and the audiences that attended.

The second play was a totally different world from what the cast had done before. They put on a murder mystery, which was more serious and had more special effects than previously used. They had to learn a lot more about set building, because both plays required much more elaborate sets than they normally used. The performers stepped into a *different world* every night as they took to the stage.

Carrie Smitherman carefully applies stage make-up to Jesus Juarez while Christine Simmer puts on the final touch to her lips. They began getting ready at about 4:30 for the 7:00 performance.

"CHARGE!" screamed Hunter Lawley. This was a line he made famous after his first performance of *Arsenic and Old Lace*.

Carrie Smitherman attempts to save her partner Amanda Wyatt when serial killer Jesus Juarez attacks!



All The WORLD Is A STAGE



The Moonlight Players

Christine Simmer
Stephanie Ford
Jonathan Williams
Keith Czeskleba
Amanda Wyatt
Jesus Juarez
Brandon Lovelady
Maggie Plott
Hunter Lawley
Lindsey Cordone
Heather Beaty
Director
Ross Chappell



"Who did it?" asked each of the cast members after the first murder. The actors did an excellent job of keeping up the suspense until the final scene.

Jesus Juarez ties up Jonathan Williams, his next victim. They had to practice the tying up scene many times so that it would be convincing.

Christine Simmer gives an excellent portrayal of an Irish policeman. She worked very hard to stay in character while performing.



"To expand your mind is to expand your possibilities." The 1997 National Honor Society consisted of 31 members. They were "tapped" in the spring of their junior year. To achieve this high honor the students had to earn a yearly GPA of eighty-five and be approved by their teachers. The chosen were selected for their outstanding academic record and for leadership, scholarship, character, and service. With much help from their sponsor, Mary Helen Derryberry, the organization provided honor roll recognition, honor roll bulletin boards, peer tutoring and gifts for needy families during the Christmas season. In the spring they were the ones to lead the "tapping" of eighteen juniors into the society.

The Math and Scholar's Bowl teams also excelled in competition. The Scholar's Bowl team did well in all their competitions and went on to win runner-up at the county tournament. The Math team placed third in the county tournament, with Mitch Wyatt placing first in individual geometry competition. "I thought we did really well at the county tournament, out of the questions that we answered, we answered most of them right", stated sophomore Kristie Lowley.

Scholarship remained strong as these teams and honor students proved that the academic world at MHS would continue to spin.



Chandler Russ assures an observer in the crowd that he **is being inducted!** He was one of eighteen juniors who were chosen for membership and included in the ceremony.

Honor Society members pose for a picture before the tapping of new members took place. Front: LaToya Young, Katrina Staffney, Erin George. Second: Carlos Tolbert, Willie Stone, Josh Smitherman, Maggie Plott, Donald Clayton, Rachel Bearden. Third: Debbie Acker, Dawn Fochtman, Debbie Ross, Jaimie Hutton, Cherie Stobert, Heather Beaty, Sara Simone, Andrea Wynn,



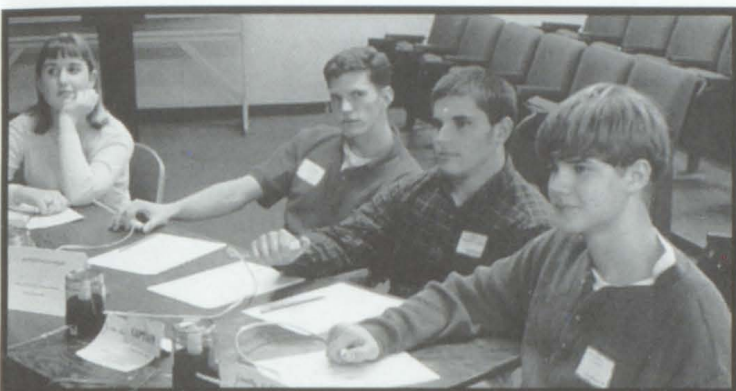
It feels good to say that I am in NHS. I feel as if I have finally achieved something good out of all my studying and hard work.

Cherie Stobert

Cherie Stobert and Julie Scarbrough assist Vista Nelson. Cherie was always willing to help others.

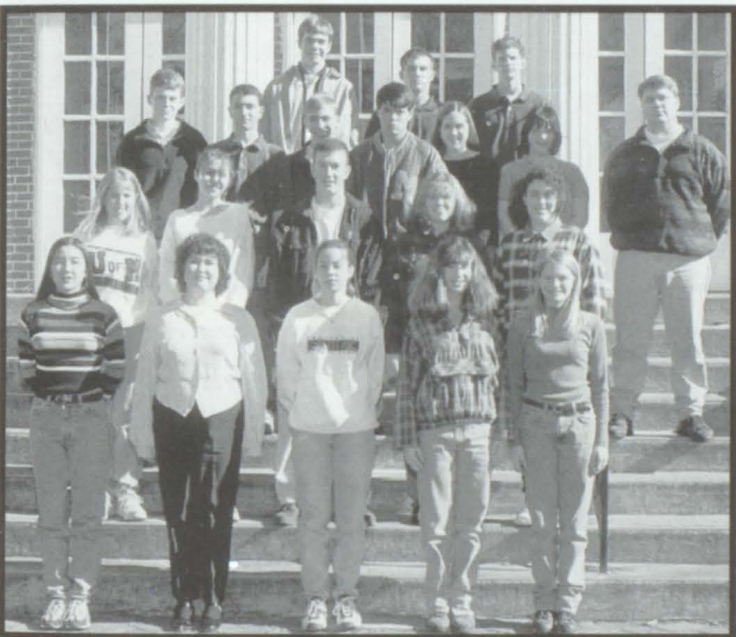


IT'S A SMART WORLD



Out of the questions we answered at the County Tournament, we answered a great percentage of them correctly.

Kristie Lawley



Team captain, Josh Smitherman proudly sports the Shelby County Scholar's Bowl Second Place trophy. The varsity team tied for first place in the morning rounds, then lost to Calera in the finals.

Math Team Front: Jessica Ballentine, Kristie Lawley, Amanda Wyatt, Elizabeth Callahan, Courtney Brasher. Second: Erin Ryerson, Jenny Moore, Willie Stone, Renee Ross, Stacey Pickett. Third: McShan Walker, Donny Sisco, Jared Blake, Keith Czeskleba, Kim Verchot, Lee Hutchinson. Back: Donald Clayton, Josh Smitherman, Perry Lawley, and Sponsor, Paul Morris.

Margaret Daum, Perry Lawley, Josh Smitherman, and Jonathan Williams anxiously await the final question of the last round of the county tournament. They placed second in the tournament for MHS's best finish in recent years.

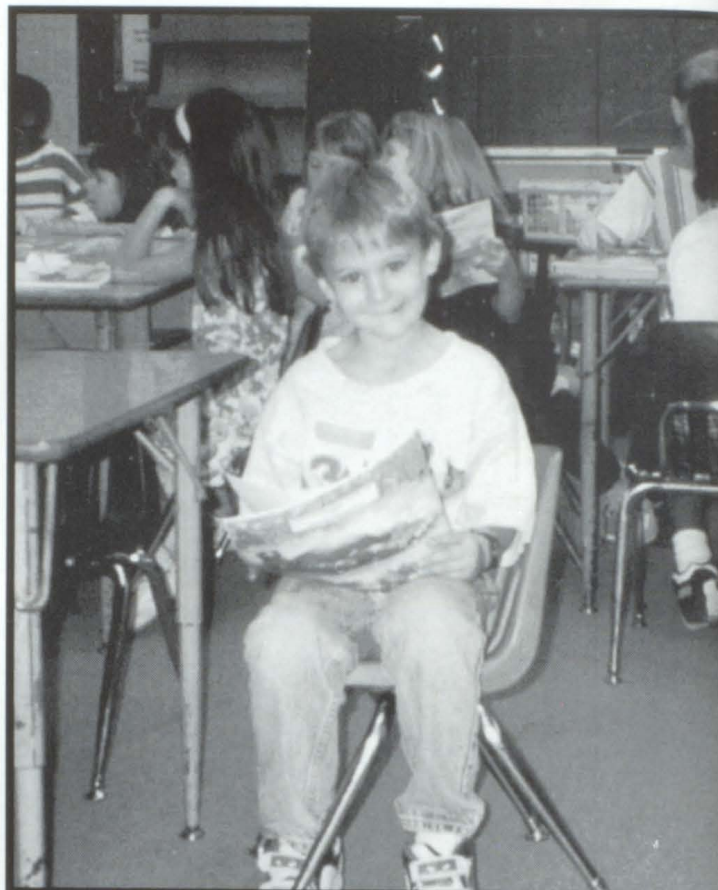


A Helping Hand

Future Homemakers of America and Key Club helped the real world in many ways. The FHA held cookie and candy sales to help fund their efforts. They visited a nursing home in Alabaster on Valentine's day to cheer up anyone with a lonely heart. Members of the club enjoyed the trip very much. It made them feel good when they were able to give something back to the community. The group traveled to Montgomery to the National FHA meeting. Joy Jones said, "We enjoyed the trip. It was a great experience for FHA this year. We had fun while learning." These

were just a few of the many activities that they participated in during the school year. Nancy Werback was the sponsor of FHA this year.

The Key Club was also involved in many worthwhile activities within the community. Volunteers visited the elementary school twice a month with the **Reading is Fundamental** program. This program allowed the Key Club to come and read to the kids. The kids got to keep the books they were given. This was a well-received program for the kids and for the members of the Key Club. The Key Club's president this year was, Carrie Smitherman.



Children like this one wait expectantly on Key Club members to read to them. They loved it when the "big kids" came to visit them in **their world**.

FHA Front: Beth Sims, Elizabeth Callahan, Rachael Simone, Laura Harrell, Joy Jones. Middle: Amy Taylor, Amber Lackey, Angie Boyd, Brandy Dailey, Angela Donahue, Andrea Taylor. Back: Curtis Barnett, Brandy Thompson, Melissa Genry, Amy Stone, Tequila Coleman, Melissa Northcutt, Tenika Edwards.



in the Real



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President Carrie Smitherman is surrounded by a world of young readers! Key Club members like Carrie volunteered their time to read to children at the elementary school.



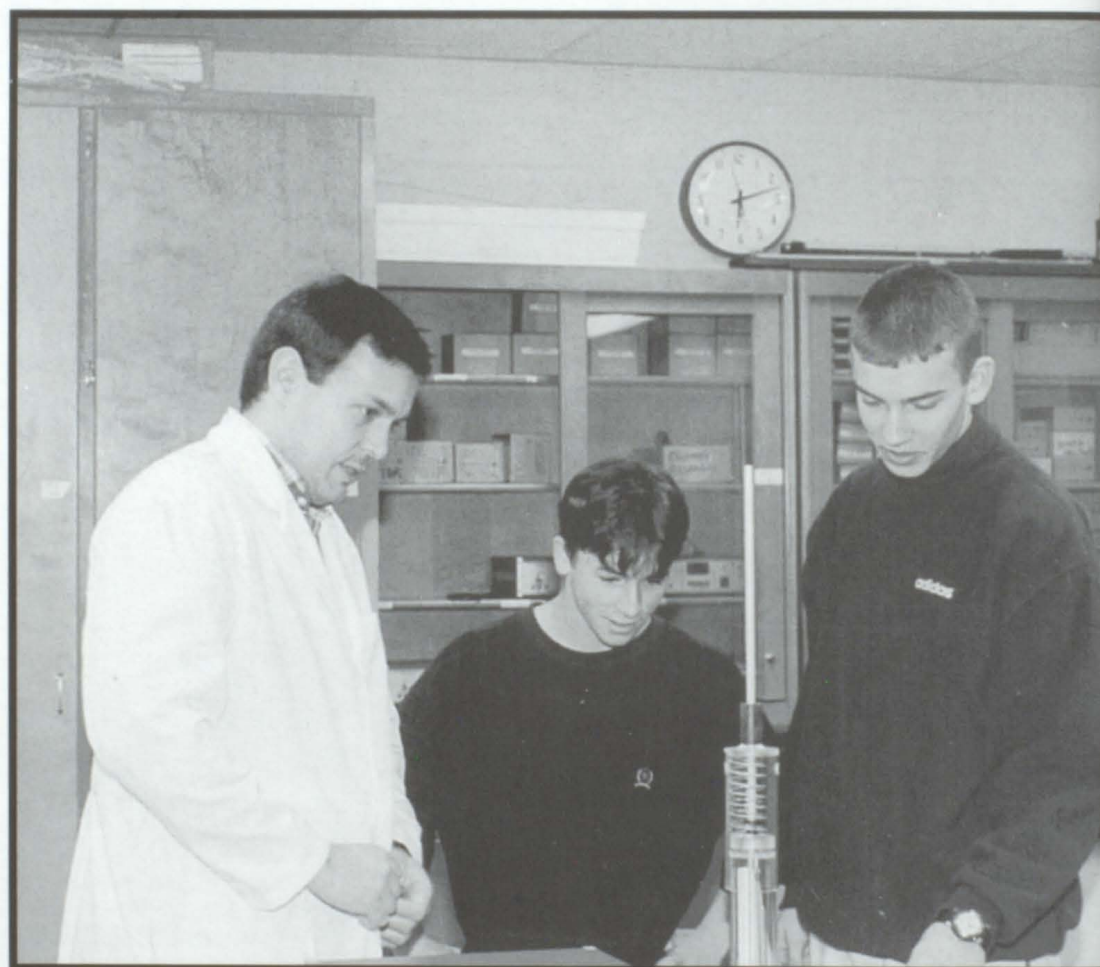
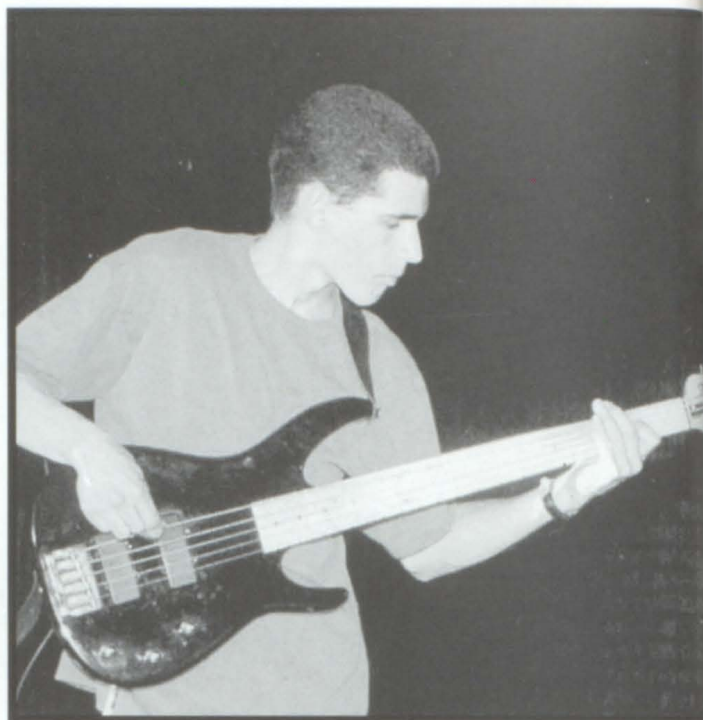
Key Club Front: Laurel Horsley, Bethany Evans, Carrie Smitherman: Second: Jessica Holcomb, Jaimie Hutton, Amy Stone, Lisa Lamb, Dana Hurt, Amber Wade, Lacey Horsley. Third: David Epperson, Rachel Bearden, Felicia Knowles, Jeff Davis, Christine Simmer, Chavone Spruel: Back: Johnny King, Jared Alexander, Margaret Daum, Melissa Ludlum, Julie Scarbrough, Jessica Ballentine.



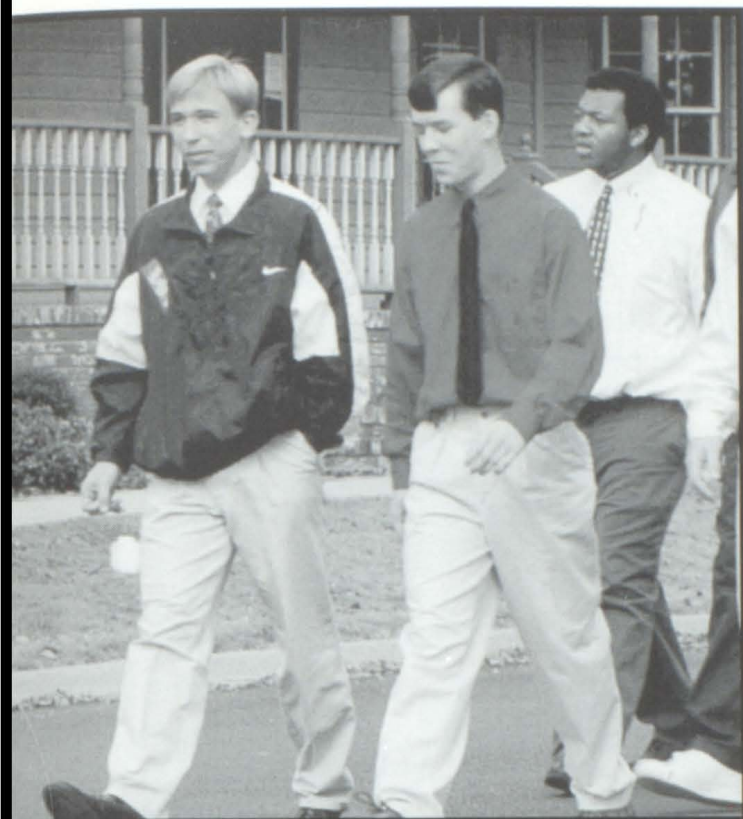
A Different World



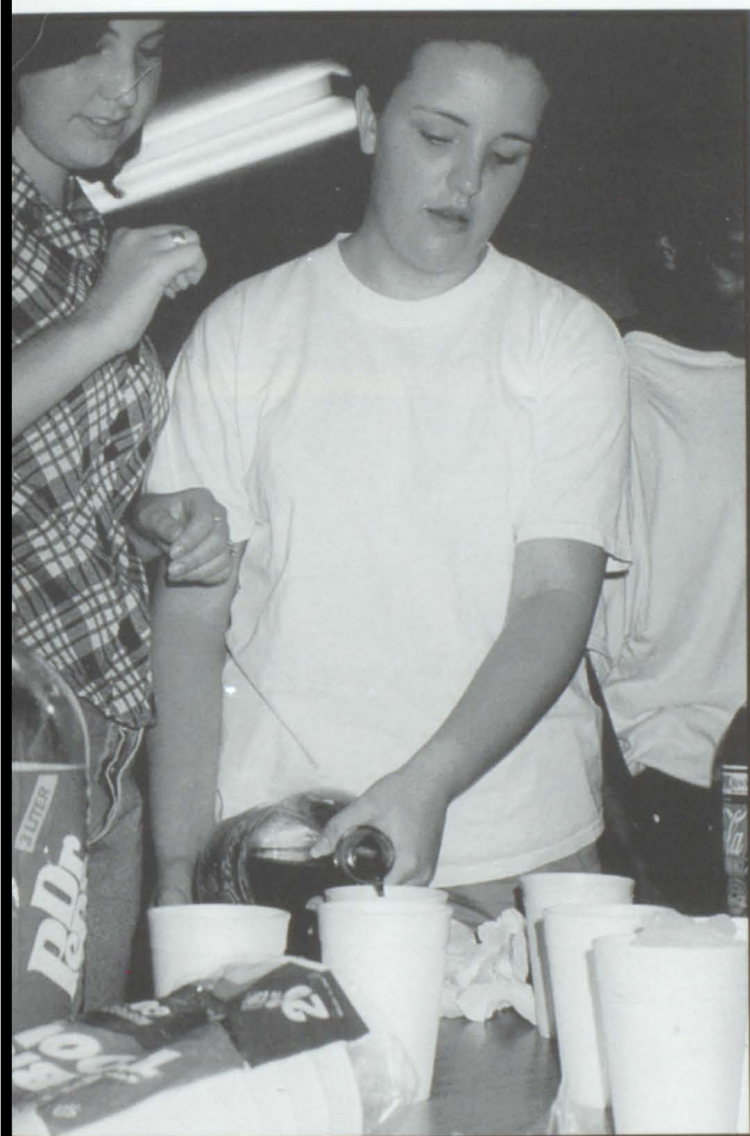
The local band **Lifeguard** performs for First Priority. This concert was used to raise money for the group's many projects. There was always a good group present when **Lifeguard** performed!



First Priority member Roy Sheffield and president Zack Layton look over a new piece of lab equipment with Wally Blanton. They served in many responsible positions including their jobs as Techs. Zack's leadership was vital to a successful year for First Priority.



With looks of determination, Jared Blake, Michael McGraw, and Steven Durham, walk towards the FCA car wash. This was one of many fund raisers that they participated in.



Erin Dover pours drinks at the FCA/First Priority Super Bowl party while Dora Thompson and Corey Salter look on. The party gave students time to relax, have fun, and socialize with other group members.

Spanish Club

First Priority

FCA

"I think that FCA has really come far this year. We helped a lot of people, and had a good time doing it!"

Margaret Daum

It truly was a different world for the members of Spanish club, First Priority, and FCA this year. Each had a different set of goals, but each accomplished them in their own way. Spanish club, under the direction of Mrs. Chappell provided a Spanish breakfast for the teachers on Thanksgiving. They also elected officers, with Lora Brand as president. First Priority met every Tuesday morning in Mr. Blanton's room. They held Bible study and organized other events, such as the concert by *Lifeguard*, and *See You At The Pole*. FCA had a record number in attendance this year. Under the direction of Robert George, they met every Tuesday night at First Baptist Church. This group also held regular community service projects. President Josh Smitherman made sure the group had plenty to do. Whether it was cleaning up yards for the elderly or passing out brochures at the Promise Keepers rally, the FCA members certainly kept busy. With so many new groups and activities, it was definitely a **different world** for Spanish Club, First Priority, and FCA.



A i m i n g t o s u c c e e d



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FFA is an organization that offered students the opportunity to prepare for a future in agribusiness. Members attended classes where they learned leadership skills, experienced a "hands on" approach to learning, and practiced cooperating with others.

Many earned awards and recognition in livestock competitions and land judging. "We did well this year; we beat most within our county livestock competitions", said freshman Philip Brown. The members of FFA also learned to use hand and mechanical tools. They made things out of wood ranging from chairs to chests. Another big event that FFA promoted was the annual fruit sale prior to the Christmas break. They sold boxes of fruit to help raise money to buy new instruments for the agribusiness department.

Being in Future Farmer's of America was not only a club to join but it was a chance to become a responsible member of the **World of Agribusiness**.

Freshman FFA

Front: Mitch Wyatt, Jerry Hagood, Rico Ray, James Lee, Aireal Goins, Verrick Green. Second: Destin Burnett, Colby Heath, Darrell Shupe, Waylon Nelson, Ashley White, Courtney Brasher, Ruth Ann Miller, Reco Fitts. Third: Jon Lutz, P.J. Adams, Brian Ford, Brandon Hendrix, Philip Brown. Fourth: Robert Hope, Brent Glover, Shane Pickett, Cory Holcomb, Jesse Lee, Terrontie Sullens, Patrick Chappell, Jason Houser, Chris Shepherd, Demetrice Sanders. Back: Scott Lucas, Jason Woodruff, Matt Golden, Josh Lawley, Jason Norris, Brandon Hunt, Robbie Nolen, Noah Parr, Steven Blackmon, Shawn Walters, Chip Jones, Patrick Nix, Wesley Barnes, Jason Fullerton, Taylor Lightfoot, James Porter.



I have enjoyed my last year in FFA. It has helped to prepare me for my future career.

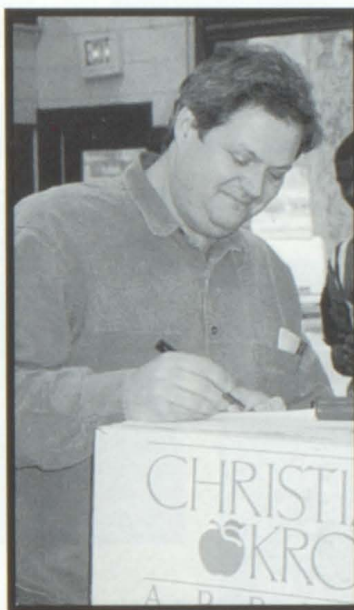
Beau Blake

Shown with Beau Blake are Mary Laurel Blake and Gretchen Berry. The three are active members of the Rodeo Team and FFA. Gretchen was selected to follow Christine Simmer as the area Rodeo Queen. The Rodeo Team placed 1st in area competition.



We did well this year; we beat most within our county in livestock competitions.

Phillip Brown



Tony Berry inspects the fruit list to make sure everything is in order before FFA starts delivery. The fruit sale is a big help to FFA each year. Mr. Berry is very active in promoting contests for his agribusiness students to compete in.

Adam Webb first prepares a board by sanding it then using it in his next project. FFA members build many things each year.

Front: Mary Laurel Blake, Donny Sisco, Beau Blake, Christine Simmer, Jim Smith, Gretchen Berry, Jermaine Mitchell. Second: John Harris, Tim Johns, Eddie Edwards, Willie Stone, Kristy Barnett, Michael Crim, Presley Gilmore. Third: Grace Tingle, Willie McNeal, Edward Ward, Mikey Garza, Eric Pickett, Joe Adams, Wesley Boothe. Fourth: Kevin Hamm, Adam Webb, Brendan Fuller, Ben Aaron, Chris McRee, Zac Craig. Fifth: Burt Brown, John Robbins, Keith Genry, Thad Walker, Michael McGraw. Back: Katherine Nalley, Leonard Fulgham, Brandon Graham, Travis Smith, Jason Brown, Johnny King, Carlos Tolbert.

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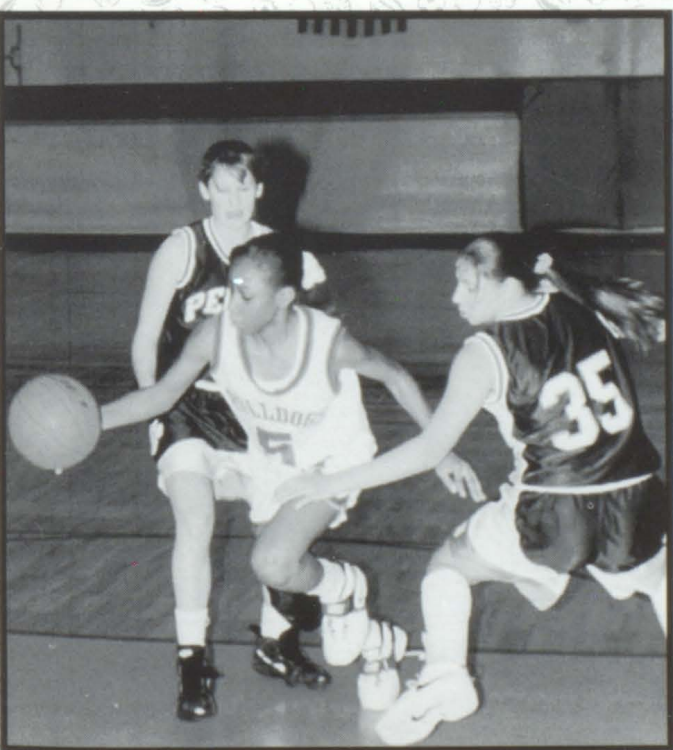
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COMPETITION

This year, the Montevallo teams were real competition for every team they competed against. Coach Williams commented, "This is one of the best years we've had!" He was certainly right.

The football, basketball, tennis, and track all made it to state levels, while baseball, golf, volleyball, and softball went further than ever before. Perhaps it was due to excellent coaching. Many players feel their coach deserves credit. "Ms. Ray has really helped us. We all worked so hard, and it paid off! We would never have dreamed of making it to state before this," said tennis player Margaret Daum. The softball and volleyball teams gained some new leadership. This was Coach Parente's first year at Montevallo, but he did a great job. Montevallo sports were definitely *Real Competition*.

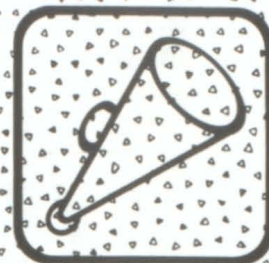


Pep It



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Emma Mathews takes to the top in the homecoming stunt. She climbed and dismounted perfectly!



Brandi Hayes



"Being the mascot gave me the chance to act crazy in disguise"

Shantise Wallace



MHS CHEERLEADERS 1996-97

The Varsity squad is joined by the Junior Varsity to perform one of their most stunning stunts. **Practice and cooperation** were needed to perform this fan pyramid.



Although the Varsity Cheerleading squad lost six members from last year the team did not lose its spirit. With the knowledge of sponsor Valorie Vaughn and the leadership of veteran and captain Brandi Hayes, the six rookies became accustomed to the long and grueling practices. Also leading the squad was co-captain Emily Mathews. At the yearly attended UCA camp at the University of Montevallo the team received all **superior** and **excellent** ribbons. Emily Mathews received Camp Champ for jump competition and Erin Davison won Camp Champ for doing the most push-ups in one minute. "I had a great time this year, and I feel we did a great job leading our fans," said Erin Davison. For the second year, school spirit was boosted with a mascot. Shantise Wallace excelled in "pepping up" the crowd. The Varsity squad had another terrific year. Although most of the squad was new the spirit was unchanged. Enthusiasm made up for experience in the **cheerleading world**!



We've got **SPRIT**



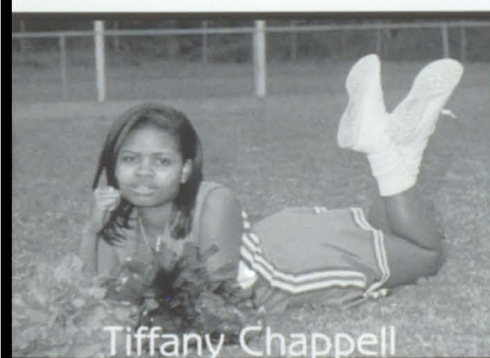
Jessica Ballentine



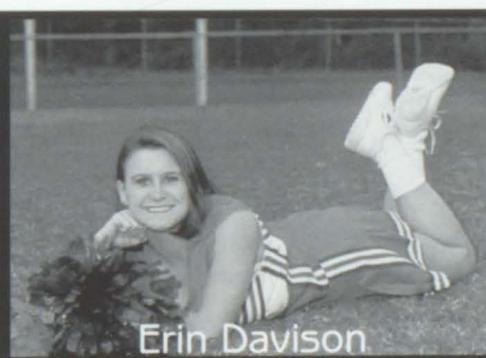
Charlotte Bouldin



Kim Bright



Tiffany Chappell



Erin Davison



Emily Mathews



Kimberly Verchot



The Varsity cheerleaders perform at a home basketball game. They always **pepped up** the home crowd!



All Cheers...

The athletic year soared by full of **cheers without jeers** for the Junior Varsity cheerleading squad. With three co-head cheerleaders, a new sponsor, and nine rookies, the team performed for all Junior Varsity and B-Team football and basketball games. "My favorite thing about being a cheerleader is showing the Bulldogs that we love them," said sophomore Markela Lawley. Numerous awards were received by the squad at camp, including a **first place** in dance competition, second place in the cheer category, and all **superior** ribbons for final evaluation. When asked if cheerleading should be considered a sport, newcomer Charlotte Speake said, "Yes, definitely! Cheering is extremely athletic — we practice just as much as football players, and work just as hard." The **cheerleading world** had been very real for the squad.

Sponsor Raynette Turner gives tips to the cheerleaders during a halftime beverage break. The girls' hard work encouraged the football team to several victories.

Junior Varsity Cheerleaders
Front: Elizabeth Callahan, Courtney Brasher, Ruth Ann Miller. Second: Markela Lawley, Holly Dickson, Fallon Brantley. Back: Erin Dover, Lacey Peeples, Charlotte Speake, Kelly Damon, Dora Thompson.



Fallon Brantley



Courtney Brasher



Elizabeth Callahan



Kelly Damon



No Jeers



Holly Dickson



Erin Dover



Markela Lawley

Football players show their appreciation to the cheerleaders with flowers at Homecoming.



Ruth Ann Miller



Lacey Peeples



Charlotte Speake



Dora Thompson



The World of Victory

The Bulldogs came out with the urge to win early in the season. They played games that set record scores with an average of nearly thirty points per game! The bulldogs played some of the best games of many players' careers.

The season began with weightlifting and long hours of rigorous training day after day. Many players would practice and lift weights far into the evening. Soon practices evolved into games. Montevallo began the season with a two and zero record. Then lost the third game to Dallas County. This was an agonizing defeat which set up a two game losing streak.

Then once again the dogs came out victorious against John Carroll. The Montevallo Bulldogs went on to a winning season and to the 4-A **state playoffs**. They suffered an agonizing defeat against Daleville with a score of 24-23. With that game, they ended the season with a six and five record.

The young team played with real determination throughout the season and showed real courage in the face of adversity. Their world of victory would set the pace for a fierce spring training and dedication to make it an even better year in the fall of 1997!



The Bulldogs jump off the line as the ball is snapped. They showed that they had a defense to be reckoned with.



Andy Reid runs the ball as well as he can pass it! Andy had an outstanding final season as quarterback of the bulldogs.

Shontua Ray leaves John Carroll defenders in his wake. Not only was Ray named **player of the week**, he earned **All-State** honors in football.





The Bulldogs stream onto the field determined to win **BIG** over Shelby County! True to their plan, the 'Dogs delivered a homecoming victory to a huge crowd of **BULLDOG FANS!**

1996 BULLDOGS

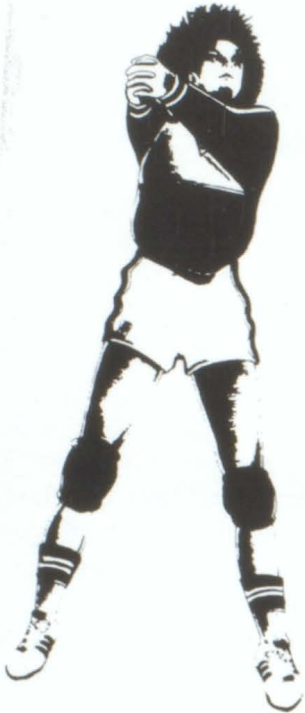
Front: Michael McGraw, Lee Hensley, Josh Smitherman, Keith Czeskleba, Perry Lawley, Kyle Henderson, Brad Bamburg, Jared Blake, Frank Tolbert, Corey Salter. Middle: Andy Reid, Edward Ward, Thad Walker, Willie McNeal, Brandon Graham, Presley Gilmore, Jerome Lilly, Stephen Lucas, T. Chandler, Jermaine Mitchell, Antonio Chism, Marlon Lamar. Back: Jonathan Williams, Bryant Hudson, Johnny King, Milan Chappell, Travis Smith, Ray Marshall, James Brown, Keith Santa Cruz, Henry Silas, Jimmy Jones, Steven Durham, Shontua Ray.



In a flurry of arms and legs the Bulldog defense brings down a Jemison carrier. The valiant 'Dogs fought hard but suffered a devastating loss to the Jemison team.

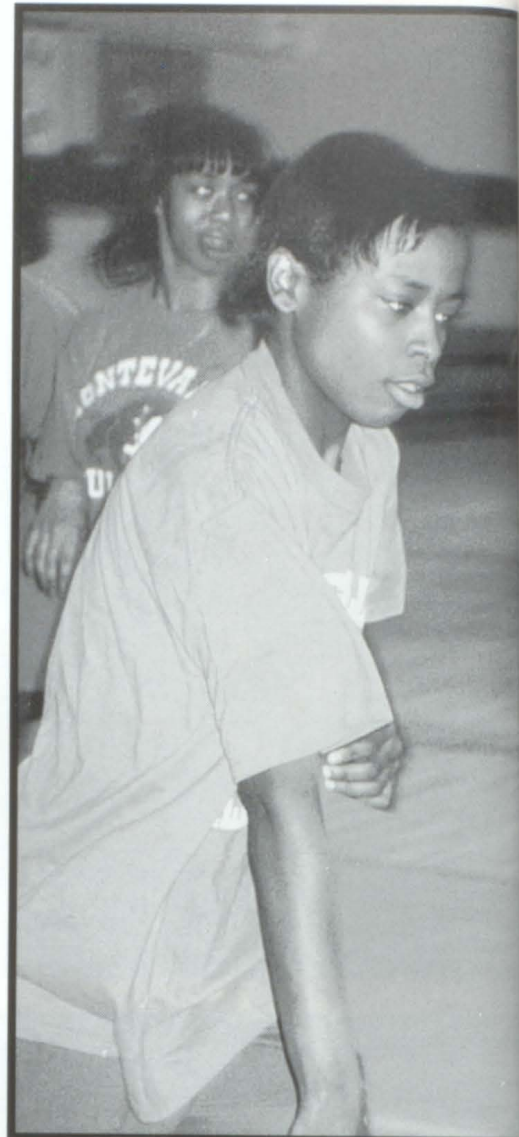


Discover



Jason Norris kicks the ball and hopes for the best. As a freshman, Jason saw action in both jJV and B-team football games!

Tami Spruel and Tomika Lilly work up a sweat at volleyball practice. These freshmen worked extra hard to get a little "playing time" with the varsity.



1996 FRESHMEN BULLDOGS

Front: Waylon Nelson-99,76,77, Wesley Barnes-41,66,64, Beau Robinson-79, Robbie Nolan-34,63,20.

Middle: Coach Goggins, Areal Goins-11, Andrew Tingle-47, Jarvis Davis-44, Kentonio Kirkland-2, Reco Fitts-10,75, Gary Reed-42, Chris Shepherd-30, Seneca Davis-33, Terrontie Sullens-70, Adrian Brown-35.

Back: Coach Horton,62, 17, Wade Coffee-40, Jason Woodruff-51, Robert Hope-12, Cory Horton-52, Destin Burnett-58, Rico Ray-50, Verrick Green-80, Jason Norris-65, Jason Houser-78, Hank Epperson-55, Coach Morris.



1996 JUNIOR VARSITY BULLDOGS



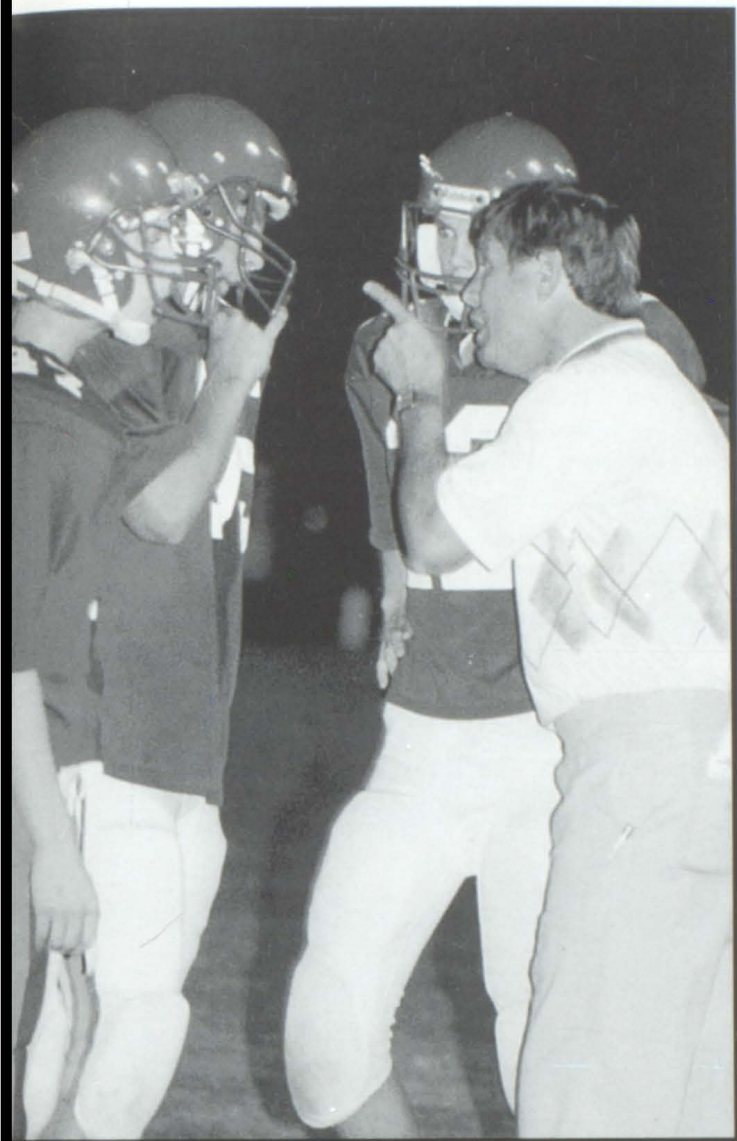
the Moment

Junior Varsity football, B-team football, and B-team volleyball teams worked extra hard this year for extraordinary seasons. Junior Varsity led by Coach Johnye Horton began their season with determination to win. All of the hard work paid off when the Bulldogs ended with a winning season. The B-team players played to win as well. Many of them were good enough to see playing time on the varsity team. Determination really did pay off for them too!

Practicing just as hard as the football teams was the junior varsity volleyball team. This team was coached by Tony Parente. The volleyball team started practice in the summer so that they would be ready when the season finally got underway. They provided a practice team for the varsity to compete against in addition to having games of their own. Several of the freshmen girls got some time in varsity competition. The team all agreed that they had worked hard and done their best.

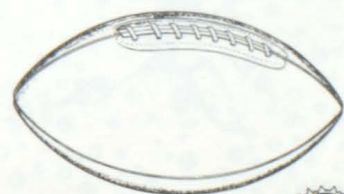
These teams showed that hard work did pay off in the end. Many were sure that they would compete again in the 1997 season at MHS.

Head Coach Johnye Horton makes a **point** with his quarterback and other JV team members. He was pleased that they followed his coaching tips and won the game!



Tonio Kirkland, Jason Woodruff, and Brad Lovejoy moved the offensive line to protect the backfield. They were an awesome force for the defense to tackle.

JV quarterback Robert Hope hands off the ball in an effort to move the ball down the field. Hope led the young bulldogs to a winning season!





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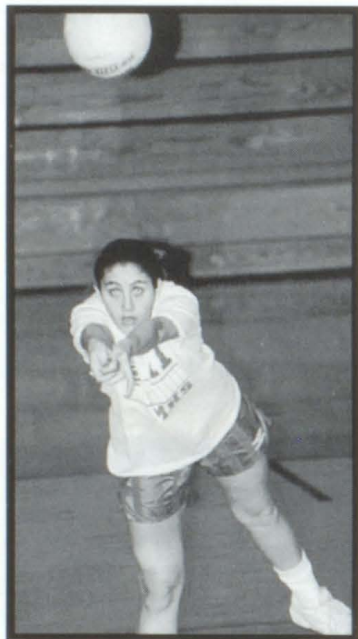


Stephanie Edwards shows that she can jump too! She tipped the ball, taking the speed off of the opponent's spike.

Marquette Anderson drives the ball into a **killer** spike. She had another kill! Mary Laurel Blake and Malinda Okrush set up the play.

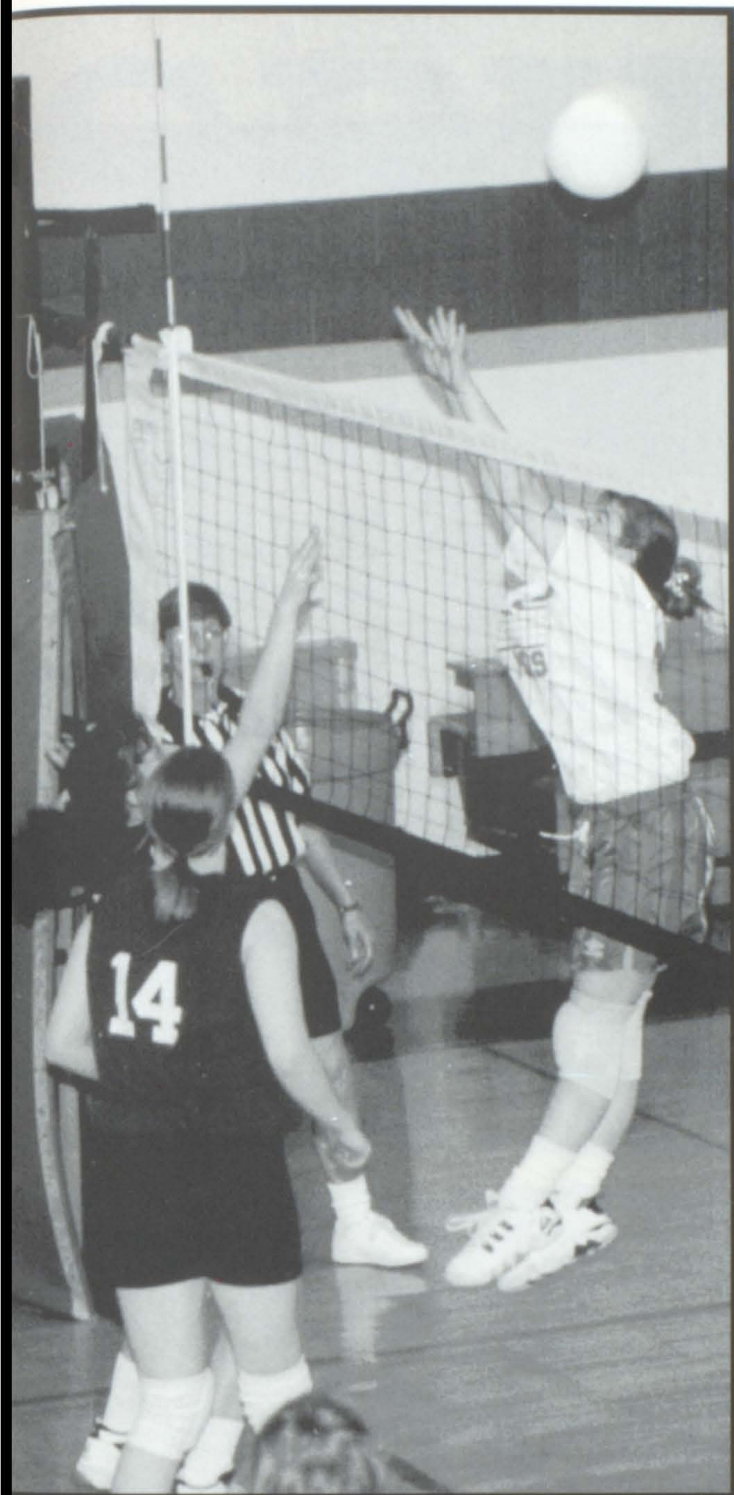
Sheer determination and concentration are on the face of Sherry Bice as she bumps the ball. No ball got past Bice on the court!

Malinda Okrush sets another **perfect** ball. She helped lead the team as the setter and the Co-Captain.



Front: Tyeshia Prentice, Sherry Bice, Erin Houser, Katrina Staffney, Malinda Okrush.
Back: April Chappell, Marquette Anderson, Yteria Tolbert, Tarsha Brown, Stephanie Edwards, Mary Laurel Blake.





THERE

After days of hot and humid practices, the Lady Bulldogs kicked off yet another fine season. Under new head coach Tony Parente and the leadership of co-captains Katrina Staffney and Malinda Okrush, the Lady 'Dogs went on to an exciting and interesting year. With four returning starters, things had to be on their side. With two rules: **Love and support each other** and **Try your best**, the team sure had the right attitude.

"We really practiced hard and expected a good season," said co-captain Malinda Okrush. The team rallied in victories over Altamont, Shades Mountain, and Childersburg to name a few. The Lady 'Dogs progressed to Sub-State before falling to a strong Greensboro team.

The team finished a strong season with a record of 11-6.

The 'Dogs are ready for **competition**. The readiness of the team led them to an 11-6 record.

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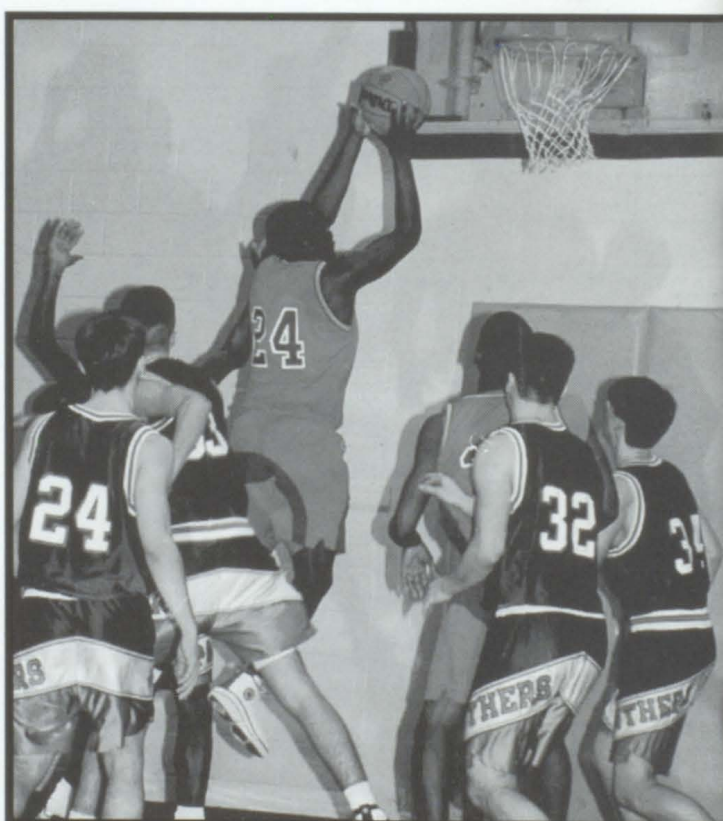
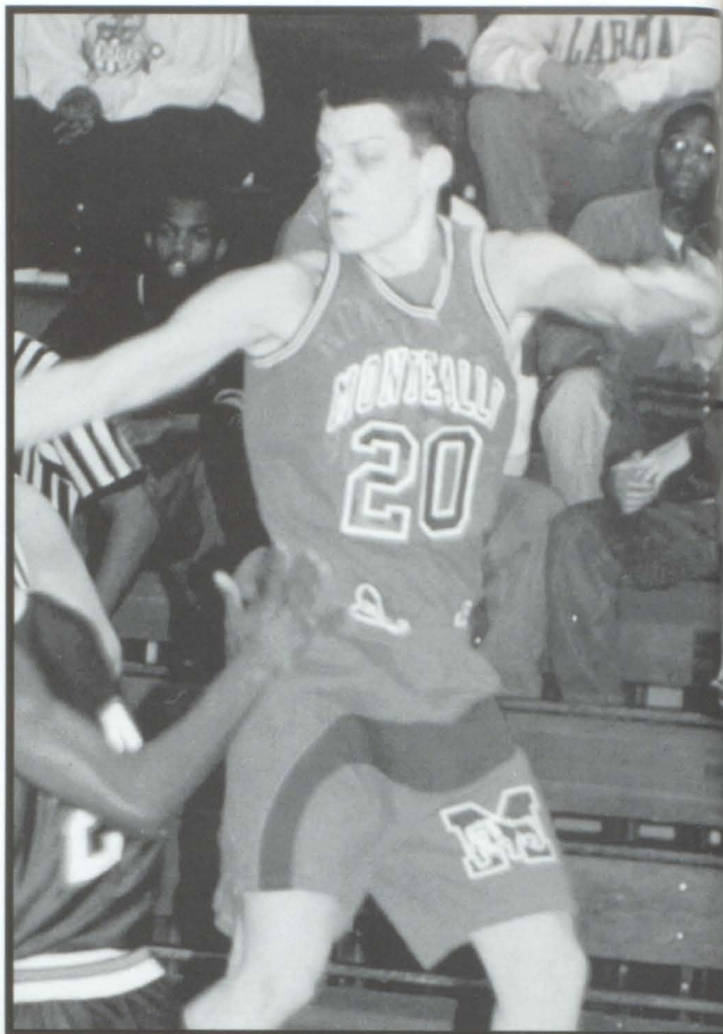
As The Ball

Senior Lendale Young prepares to make a move. He was instrumental to the success of the Bulldogs in his final season.

Matt Pawlik is **up in the air** defending his man while Gary Reed surrounds the opponent with the ball. Pawlik finished his outstanding career at MHS with the final game. Reed was just beginning his while playing varsity as a freshman.

Travis Smith looks for his target. Smith was a team player always willing to give up the ball to get in the score!

With perfect form, Undrae "Air Jordan" Lilly slams one in. Throughout his high school career, he became famous for his dunking talents.



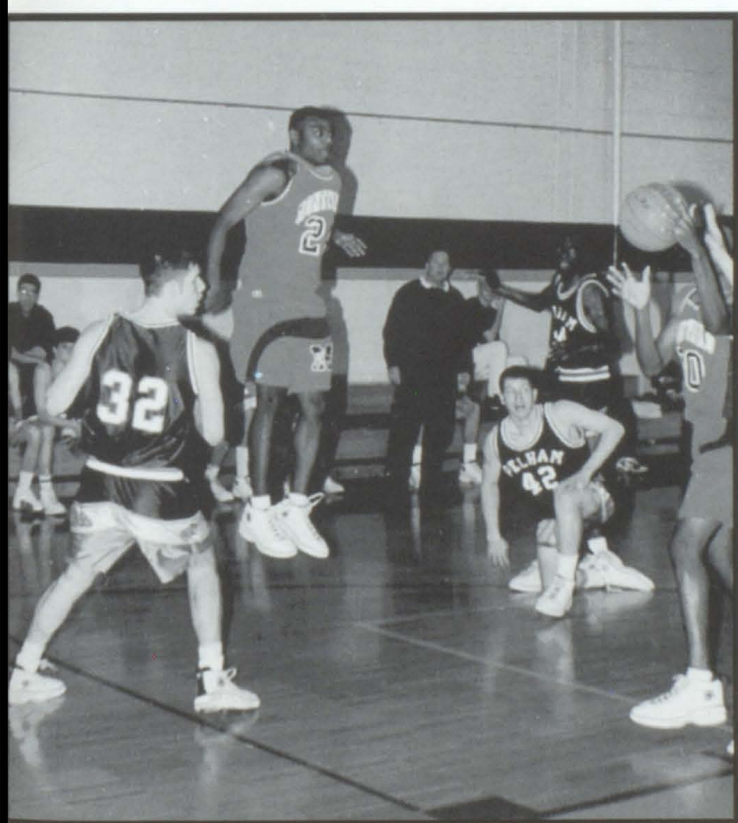
Milan Chappell SLAMS one!

SPINS

1996-97 VARSITY BASKETBALL

Front: Bryant Hudson, Leonard Fulgham, Gary Reed, Lendale Young.

Back: Coach Pierson, Undrae Lilly, Donald Clayton, Matt Pawlik, James Brown, Travis Smith, Milan Chappell, Steven Durham, Mgr. Durham, Assistant, Kenny Dukes



Undrae Lilly **LEAPS** to get into position for the next shot. His spectacular moves made it exciting for the fans when he took the court.

The 1996-97 Varsity Basketball Team was truly a force to be dealt with in the **real world of round ball**. The ball did a lot more than just spin for the 'Dogs, it bounced them straight into the state play-offs! With so many skilled players, it was easy to see why they were such a powerhouse in their region. They put in hours upon hours of hard practice with Coach Bobby Pierson. He constantly challenged them to go the extra distance to achieve excellence! All of their work paid off when they made it to the state play-offs.

They were disappointed to lose to Calera, who ended up being the new state champions. This 'near miss' was not what the team had in mind during the season, but it was exciting to progress that far in competition. The Montevallo community was never disappointed in the 'Dogs as they always gave the fans a **great show**.

Milan Chappell takes time to calculate his next move. Even with his strong playing ability, careful planning was necessary to complete the 'game plan' and **WIN!**



The World of Basketball



April Chappell is in scoring position again! Tyeshia Prentice runs to the net in case of a rebound. Their effort helped the team beat PHS 41-21!

Lanisha Cartwell dribbles down the court. Her spectacular play enabled her to be named to the **All-State Team**.

LeAnn Lamb prepares to pass the ball to point guard Erin Houser. Katrina Staffney is on hand to complete the game plan.



MHS LADY BULLDOG VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

LeAnn Lamb, Marquette Anderson, Chavone Spruel, Katrina Staffney, LaNisha Cartwell, Erin Houser, April Chappell, Tyeshia Prentice, Haley Mitchell, Scorekeeper. Front: Coach Johnye Horton.





Taking a moment to enter the world of girl's basketball one saw a dedicated group of athletes. They had to work very hard with their team, they had to juggle school and sports, which meant they had to WORK HARD! In other words, **practice, practice, practice!** This year's Lady 'Dogs did just that. The world of basketball was not an easy one. Coach Horton made sure that the girls ran drills, worked out in the off season, and worked on shooting skills. With his leadership the team finished their season with an excellent record of 20-10.

Senior Katrina Staffney said, "Sure it's hard, but it is also a lot of fun." The Lady Bulldogs played very well this year. After exciting play in many tournaments, the team earned the right to advance to state play-offs. Even though they did not win the final game, they gave it their best possible effort. After all, that is what the *world of basketball* is all about!

Erin Houser, assisted by April Chappell, goes **UP** for a score! Erin was a dynamic player who always gave 100% effort.

The Lady Bulldogs study the paper to see how they fared against other teams in the area. They used films, statistics and workouts to gain every advantage possible.



WHAT'S THE SCORE

MHS	*****	THEM
38	RAMSEY	41
62	CHILDERSBURG	67
53	ANNISTON	29
37	JACKSONVILLE	36
42	VESTAVIA	81
41	PELHAM	24
49	THOMPSON	63
47	BIBB COUNTY	44
46	CHELSEA	50
39	RAMSEY	34
50	LEEDS	29
42	FOLEY	47
36	BOAZ	30
27	PASCAGOULA	50
63	DALLAS COUNTY	27
55	SHELBY COUNTY	44
67	JEMISON	24
65	BIBB COUNTY	47
39	CHELSEA	34
31	SHELBY COUNTY	29
31	THOMPSON	59
78	DALLAS COUNTY	20
64	JEMISON	33
48	VINCENT	19
42	BRIARWOOD	59
53	CHILDERSBURG	36
62	PELHAM	33
61	BIBB COUNTY	37
76	DALLAS COUNTY	35





Shooting for the Real World



At first things were slow, but the junior varsity teams **finally** got it together and kept it going! The B-Team boys basketball team swept past their competitors at Hoover High School placing **second** in the Big Orange Classic. The boys were coached well this year by Robert George. In his second year of coaching at the high school he was expecting great things from his team and **they delivered!** Kyle Henderson said, "In the beginning, we started off slow, but we came together as a team. We even placed second in the Big Orange Classic at Hoover High School!"

Kyle Henderson

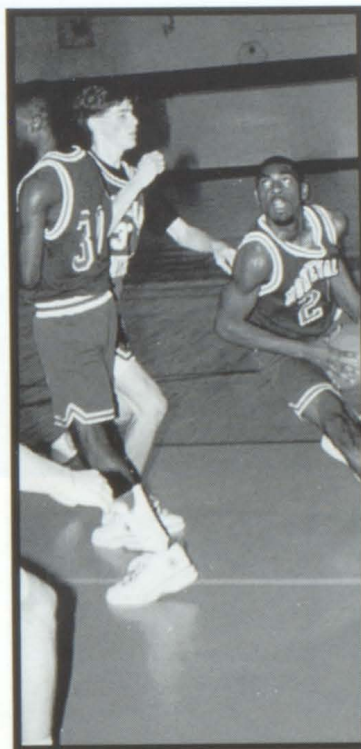
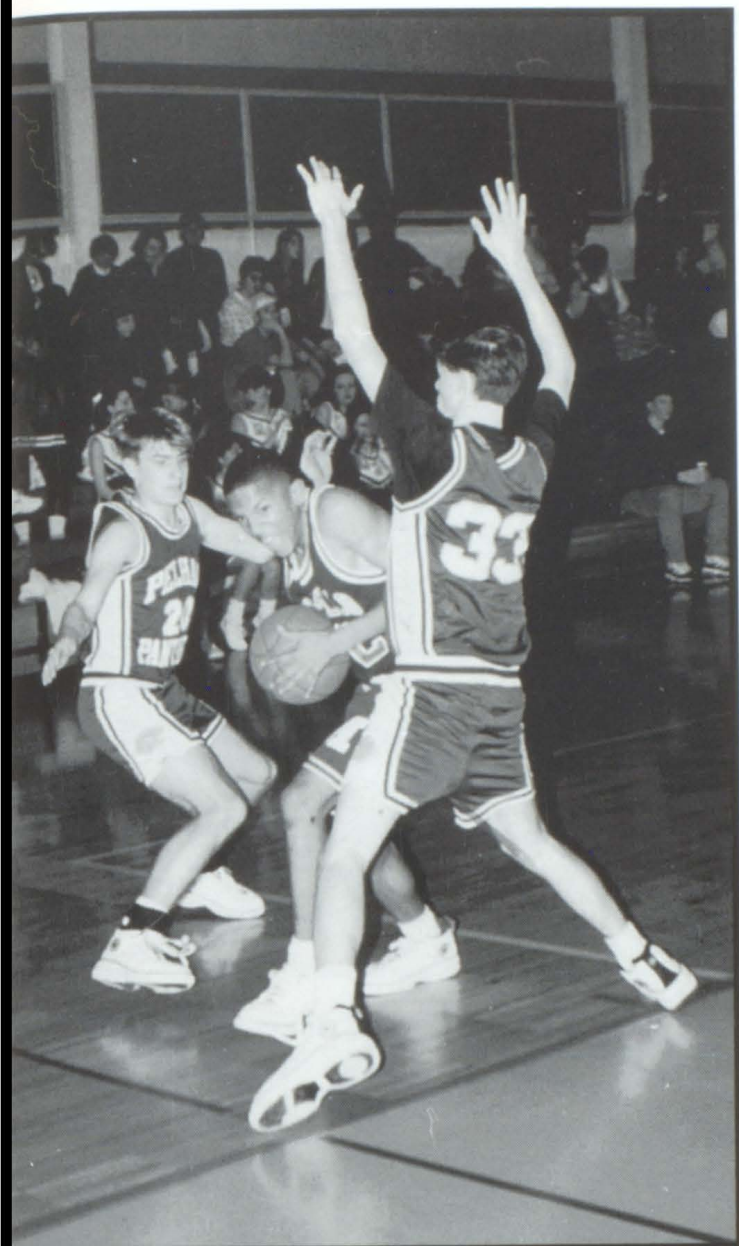
"In the beginning, we started off slow, but we came together as a team. We even placed second in the Big Orange Classic at Hoover High School!" He agreed that they had played a good season and was sure that they would be even better next year as varsity players in the **real world**. The Junior Varsity girls were coached by Coach Jet from the Elementary school. The team was made up of seven freshmen and seven eighth graders. These young Lady 'Dogs had much to learn and ended the season determined to keep improving.

JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

Front: 12, LaTonya Coleman-22, Tami Spruel-20, Deedee Ward-32, 34. Back: 14, Katie Hall-21, Tomika Lilly-30, 54, 44, 50, Tiffany Goldsmith-40, LaToya Cottingham-42, 24, Manager.



Star QUALITY



Kyle Henderson **screams** in frustration as he tries to get out of a panther "trap". He was able to get loose **and** get the basket!

Jimmy Jones has his eye on his target! Jones drove down the court for another two points for the bulldogs.



MHS ★★★★★ THEM

38	Calera	52
48	Central of Coosa	57
50	Pelham	46
39	Thompson	40
61	Bibb County	53
56	Calera	60
53	Leeds	50
39	Homewood	34
49	Gardendale	47
26	Central of Coosa	52
27	Dallas County	44
42	Shelby County	57
74	Jemison	34
64	Bibb County	57
53	Leeds	26
61	Shelby County	55
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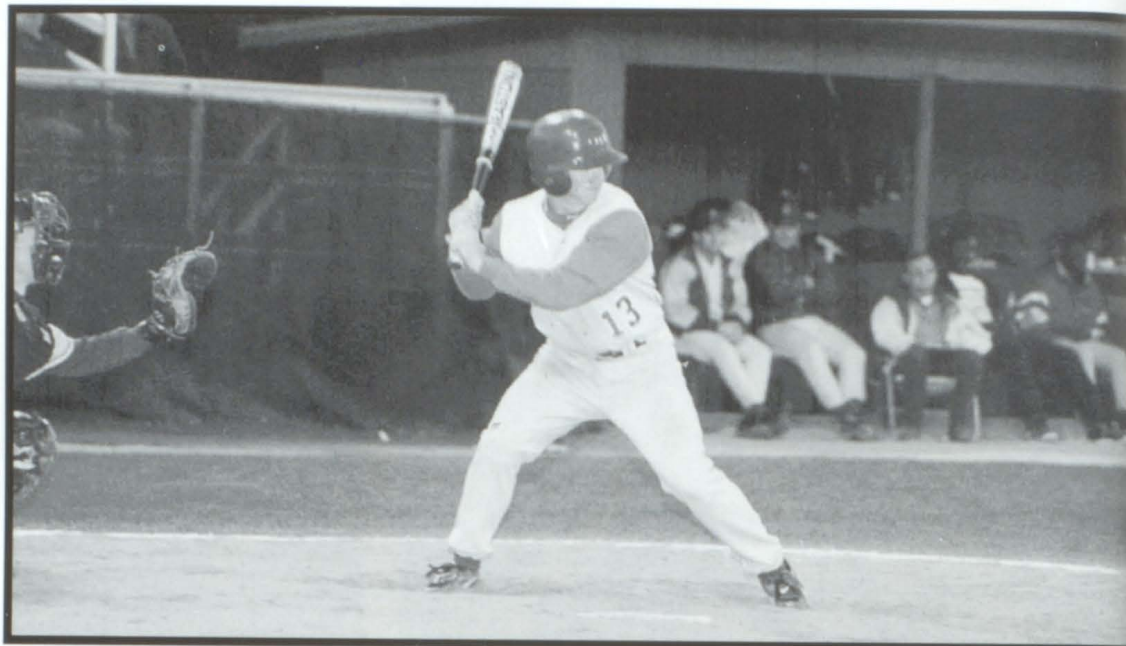
JUNIOR VARSITY

Front: DJ Williams, Kyle Henderson, Reggie Tripp. Back: Henry Silas, McShan Walker, Jimmy Jones, Keaton Santa Cruz, Johnny King, Renaldo Summerlin, Presley Gilmore.





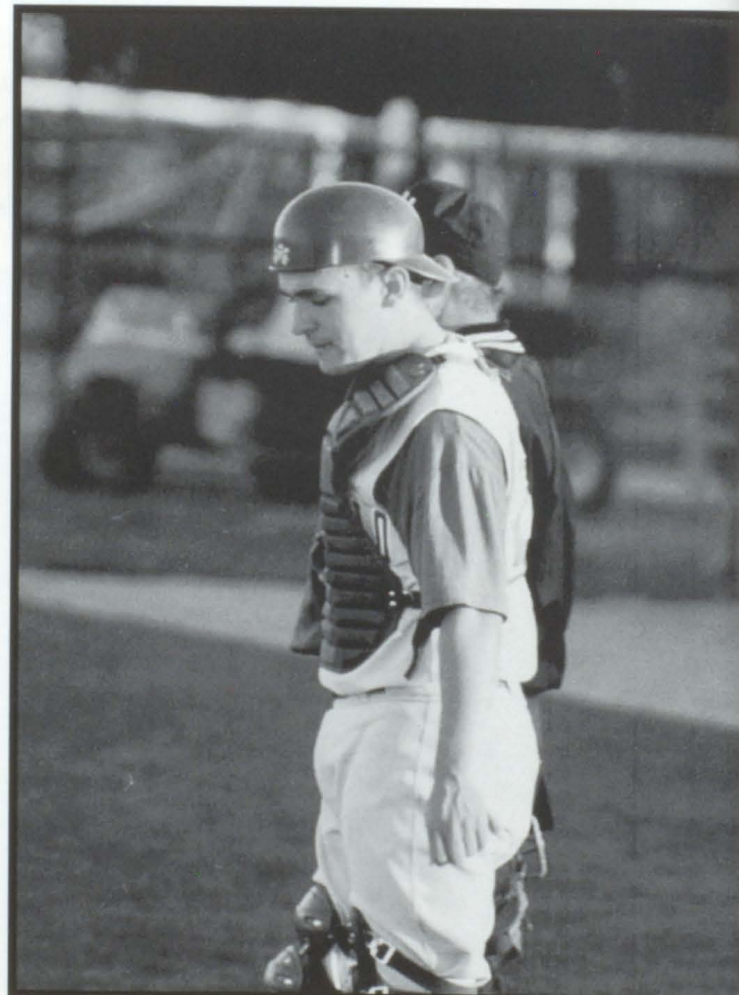
Andy Reid gets ready to take a **BIG** swing. His efforts helped the Bulldogs to win several victories in the state playoffs.



Bulldogs in the dugout take a break before their turn at the plate. Their bats were **HOT** and the 'Dogs won a **BIG ONE!**

Coach Raybon gives the players a 'pep talk' between innings. His coaching ability led the 'Dogs to over **twenty-five victories!**

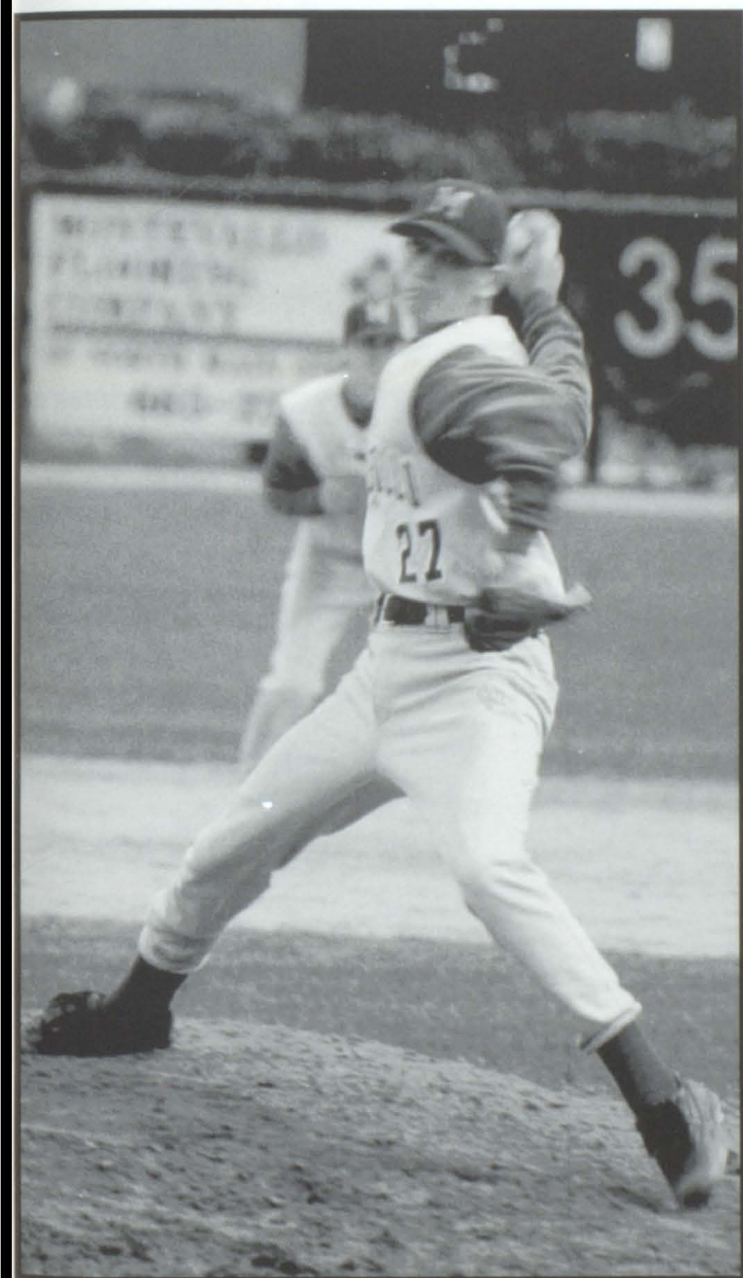
Catcher Josh Williams takes a break after a **long** inning. He was just one of the seven seniors who provided the leadership for a great season.



Safe At Home

*H*it! Run! Slide! Score! These were a few of the real **ACTIONS** demonstrated on the field by the 1997 Varsity baseball team. Led to victory by seven senior players and a determined coach, the Bulldogs moved all the way up to the **quarterfinals of the state playoffs**.

"Everyone worked very hard this year, and it paid off when we advanced to the third round," said Andy Reid. The Dogs showed **real competition** throughout the entire baseball season. With their efforts they were able to finish the season with over **twenty-five victories!**



David Epperson draws back to **rip** another strike across the plate. Epperson proved that he was the **real competition** for a powerful Jemison team.



Players take a quick time-out for a playful pose. Hard work and long practices contributed to the team's success. Front: Jermaine Mitchell, Corey Salter, Kyle Henderson. Back: McShan Walker, Keith Johnson, Keaton Santa Cruz, Willie McNeal, Danny Butcke.



Paul Oden slides into second base in a cloud of dust. His steal set up a scoring situation for the team.





Jac Brown sets her stance for a great hit!. Brown could be counted on when the going got tough in the *field of dreams*.

Jac Brown, LeAnn Lamb, Rachel Bearden, Erin George, Dawn Fochtman, Stephanie Edwards, Hannah Fletcher and Coach Tony Parente leave **victorious** at the end of a long, and hot game!



"**You are OUT!**" shouts Connie Stobert. Stobert was always ready to cover her position and make plays that counted.

SCOREBOARD

MHS	Opponent	THEM
17	Jemison	6
3	Chelsea	12
3	Chelsea	8
3	Shades Mountain	7
5	Chilton County	6
32	Calera	13
17	Vincent	14
14	Vincent	15
18	Jemison	6
8	Northside Tuscaloosa	13
14	Midfield	5
5	Chilton County	9
12	Midfield	4
27	Vincent	21
14	Vincent	8
13	Northside Tuscaloosa	10
10	Shelby County	13



Field of Dreams

The
1997 softball
team faced many
changes from the previous year.

Not only did the team gain two new coaches, they also changed from **slow pitch to fast pitch**. The new head coach, Tony Parente was assisted by Coach Jett. The team started earlier with their season. On January 22nd they were out in the *chilling* weather and to begin try-outs. One week later the new team was ready to practice.

With the first game on February 10th, the Bulldogs had a lot to prepare for in a short period of time. The team came in **third place** at the Shelby County Tournament and **third** at Sectionals. The team ended with a winning season with a record of 9-8.



"Going to fast pitch was a huge change, but I think the team adjusted to it very well."
Erin George



Coach Jett gives some last minute instructions before the team takes the field. She was a great addition to the coaching staff at MHS.

Katie Hall catches a **fly ball**. Stephanie Edwards was ready to assist and Erin George was "on the run" too.





In the Long Run

The track team jumped out to a running start. The team had great natural ability and a desire to practice to get better! Many of them set new records throughout the year. Shontua Ray, at state, first broke the state record, then raced again and **beat his own record!** They competed in a record number of meets and finished the season with yet another great record. With few rook-

ies, the team had great experience and worked hard throughout the year. Great things came in small packages, and so did the cross-country team. With only three members, David Epperson, Patrick Nix, and Grace Tingle, the team worked hard together and came out with a good season. They trained individually and were responsible for their own workouts. They traveled with their coach, Freda Williams, to several area meets.



Coach Freda Williams goes over the cross-country schedule while Grace Tingle looks on. Tingle did very well, and took several seconds off her time by the end of the season.





Katrina Staffney **blasts** to the finish! Staffney gave 110% effort to reach her goal.

Ebony Mason runs her 'leg' of the relay. She did her part to help the team win the race!



Erin Houser **digs deep** as she heads for the finish line.

With astounding speed, Shontua Ray smashes the state record. Remarkably, the record he broke was his own, set earlier in the day.



With amazing agility, Johnny King leaps a hurdle and takes the lead.

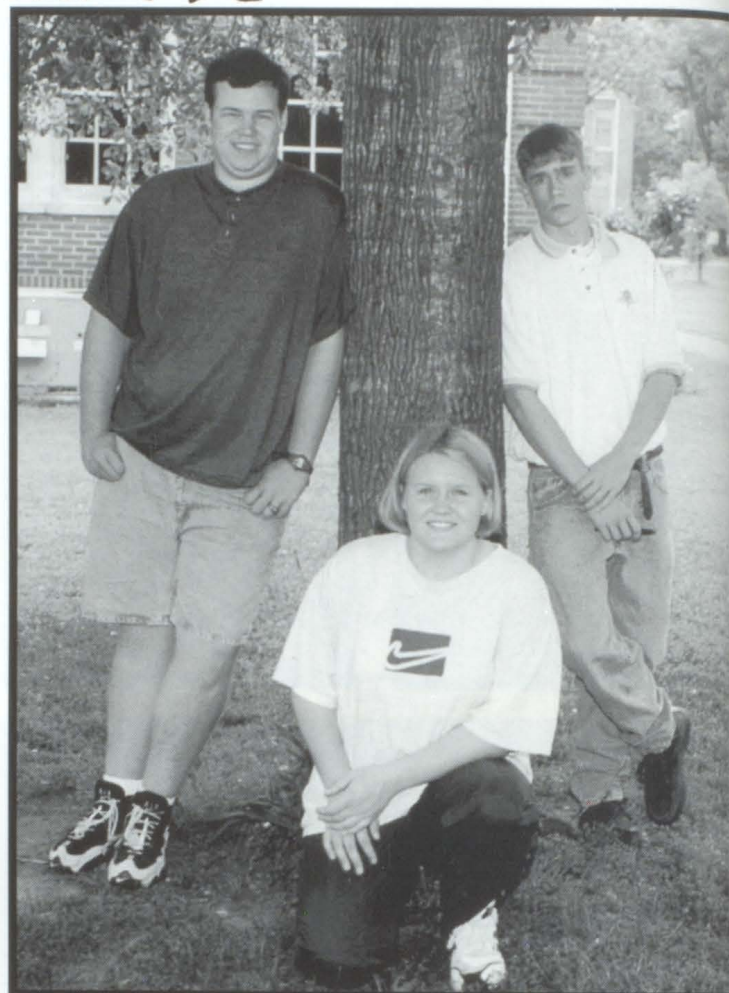




The golf teams showed the real world that they were up to par. With excellent playing at sectionals and a good strong season, they finished the year nicely. April Dailey, even though she was the only player, did very well and made it to sectionals and made the first Shelby County All-County team. She played her hardest and was ranked among the top players in her area.

April missed state playoffs by **just one stroke!** "April is very coachable. It is a pleasure for me to work with her. It's been fun just to watch her improve over the last two seasons", said golf coach Jan Rogers.

The boys' team, coached by Paul Morris, also did well, with two players Brent McChesney and Chandler Russ making it to the Sectional Tournament. With all of that great playing, they definitely showed they were up to par with the rest of the **real world**.



Matt Walker, Brent McChesney and April Dailey relax before a match.



April Dailey wishes she **could** ride in a golf cart! All golfers must walk and carry their own bags.



Brent McChesney eyes the ball carefully as he lines up a putt. His patience often paid off when he beat competitors by **just one putt**.



UP To Par



Chandler Russ putts for a **birdie** at golf sectionals. Putting is a key element to any player's game.

April Dailey **tees off** at the Fort Payne Invitational tournament. Dailey shot a low score on her practice round, then lost to strong competition on the back nine.

Brent McChesney drives off the tee in a match. McChesney's game has really improved since he joined the team as a freshman.

Chandler Russ drives off the thirteenth tee in the sectional tournament. He keeps his head down and hits a **long one!**





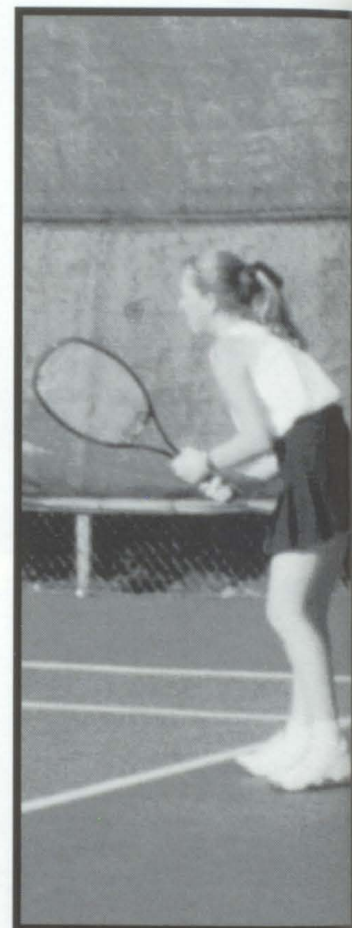
Loren McNally, Lori Lyle, Lauren Hendon and Coach Ray consume some "munchies" and some rest before the next match.

a SERVE for the POINT

Montevallo High School tennis made history in 1997. After a long season of 14 matches, a weekend match at Guntersville High School, and a runner-up spot in sectionals; the work finally paid off. The team went on to compete in the state tournament for the first time in the history of the sport at MHS.

Practice started at the beginning of February, and the season lasted until mid-April. Sectionals were held April 16th at the Clanton Tennis Center. After dominating Lanette High School, the girls went on to compete at Jacksonville State University for the state title. Competing against 12 other teams in the state, the team placed **10th** overall. This was a good showing for the first year to compete in the tournament.

Mid-season, the team took a road trip to Guntersville to play a match on a Friday. After the match, they spent the night in a hotel on the lake. They returned that Saturday for the sports banquet in the evening. Losing one senior, Cherie Stobert, the number three seed, the team hopes to be just as strong in 1998. Most of the key players practice year round, which includes summer lessons, camps and tournaments. Coach Melanie Ray was successful in her second year as tennis coach. "With seven of eight players returning for another season, we hope to **dominate** next year."



Second seed Lauren Ryerson is ready to **attack** her opponent's serve. Ryerson comes from a 'tennis family' and it shows on the court!

Margaret Daum and Cherie Stobert return to their positions after **dominating** the last point over Lanett High.



Number one doubles team Loren McAnally and Lauren Ryerson are ready to return the next shot after the serve.



Cherie Stobert waits to see if the racket lands "up or down" to see who serves.



*WHAT DO YOU
THINK?*



*"I'm glad this year
turned out to be fun
and successful"*
Cherie Stobert



*"Before a match, I usually
spill Gatorade on my shirt
by accident."*
Lori Lyle



*"State Tournament was
tough, but we had fun."*
Lauren Hendon



The tennis team poses on the Clanton courts after their win over Lanette High School. They were runners-up at sectionals. Front: Lori Lyle, Loren McAnally, Mary Beth Rogers, Margaret Daum, Cherie Stobert. Back: Lauren Hendon, Mencherro Postell, Lauren Ryerson.



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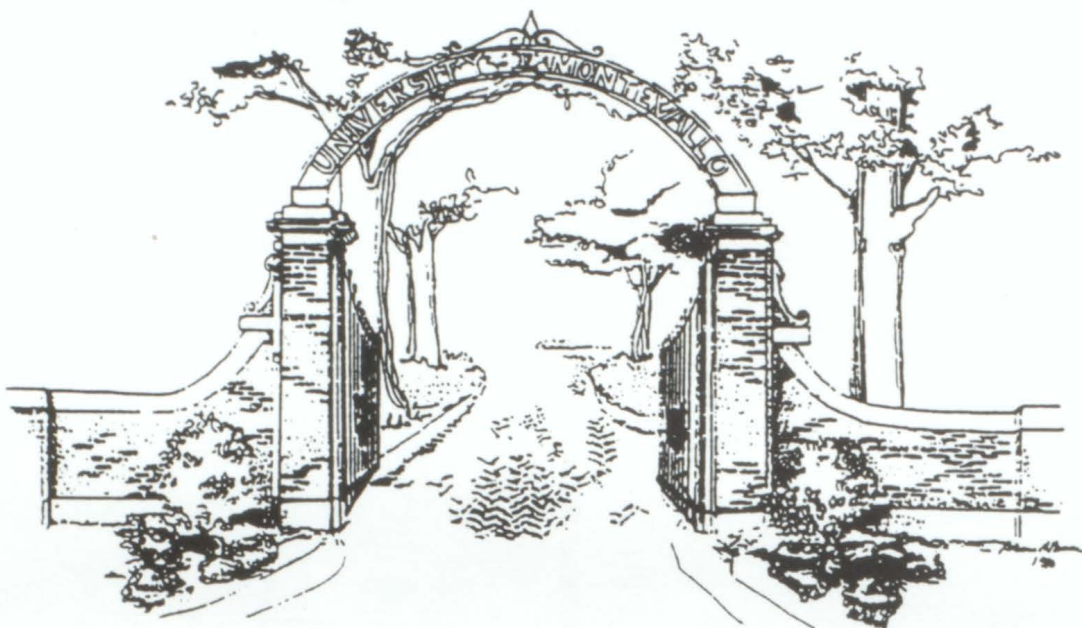


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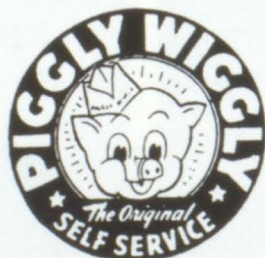


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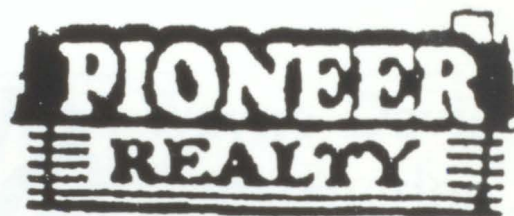
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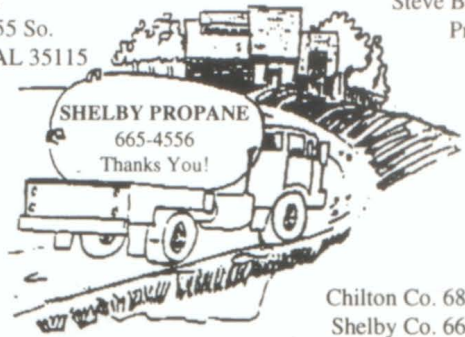
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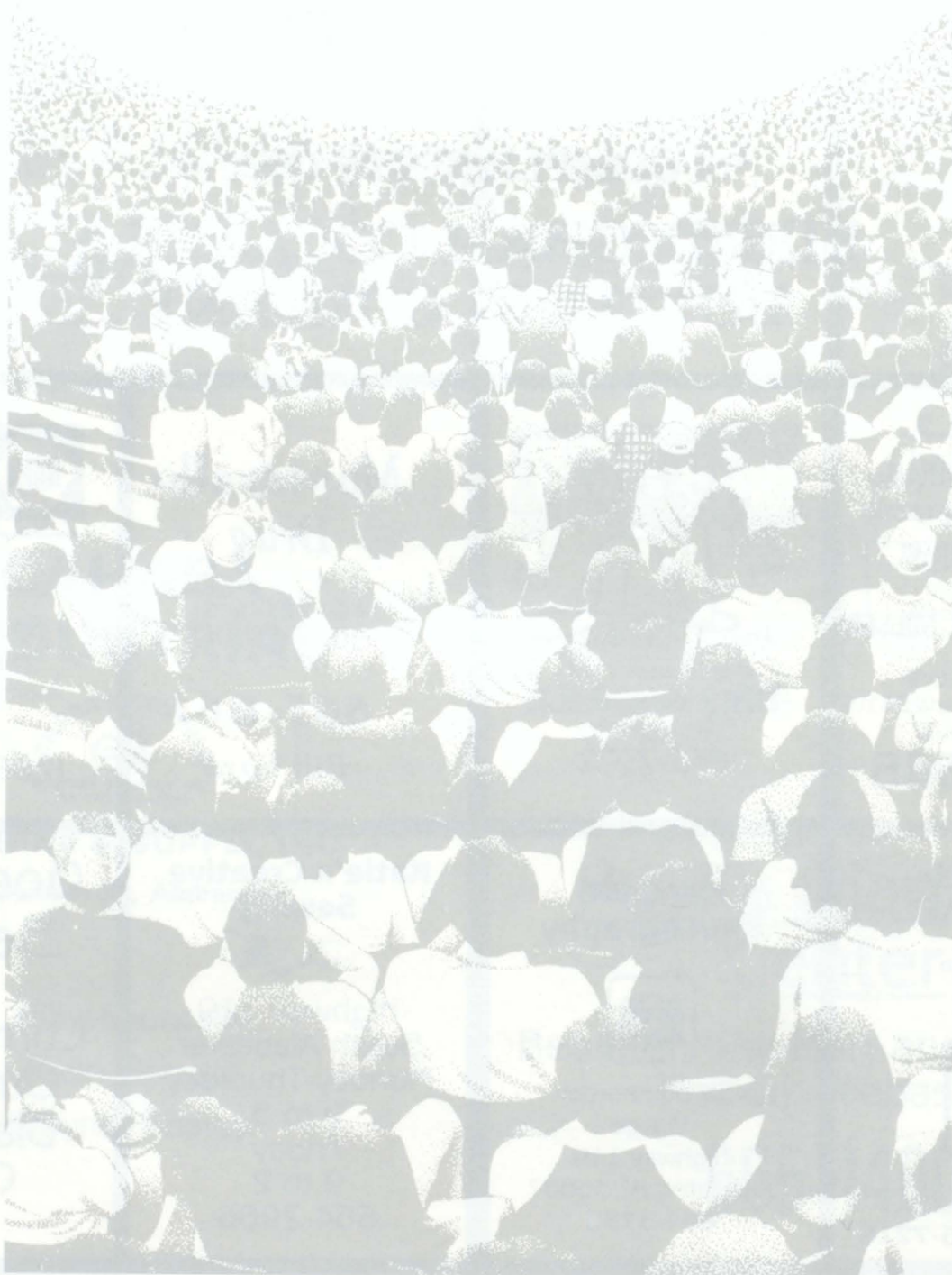




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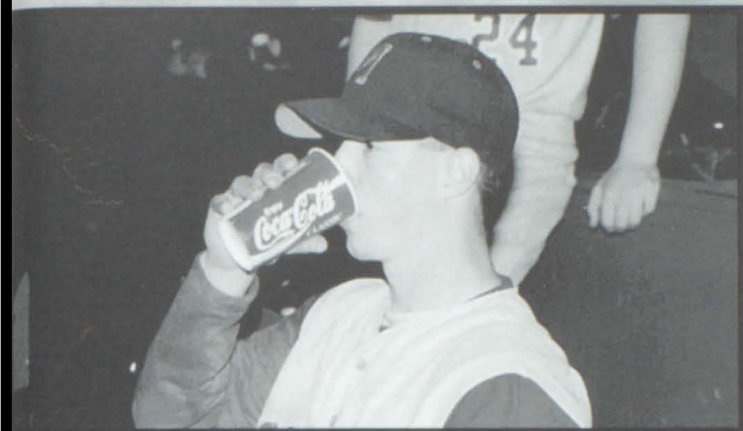


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Katherine Middaugh - Cheerleading, Basketball, Chorus, FBLA, Drama, YEA
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Daniel Nalley - FFA
Paul Oden - Baseball, FFA, Mass Communications
Matt Pawlik - Basketball, Baseball, Band, Math Team, FCA
Spotlight, Valedictorian, NHS
Elen Pickett - Softball, Band
Maggie Plott - Softball, Band, Drama, Student Council President, Montala, NHS
David Pratscher - Football, Mass Communications, NHS
Andy Reid - FFA, Football, Baseball, SGA, NHS
Tracy Rogers - FHA, Band, Peer Helper, Majorette
Debbie Ross - Spotlight, SGA, NHS
Hannah Scott - Band, FHA, FCA, Peer Helpers, Tennis, First Priority, Majorette
Todd Seales - Band
Leslie Shack - Basketball
Stephanie Siener - FFA, Band, Softball, Track
Sara Simone - Drama, Band, Cross-Country, NHS
Josh Smitherman - FCA, Math Team, Scholar's Bowl, Football
Track, Weightlifting, NHS, Salutatorian
Tina Smith - FHA, DECA, Band, Majorette, Softball
Charmon Spruel - FFA, Basketball
Chavone Spruel - Math Team, Key Club, Basketball, NHS, Homecoming Queen
Katrina Staffney - Peer Helper, FCA, Student Council, Montala
Volleyball, Basketball, Track, NHS
Cherie Stobert - Tennis, Band, NHS
Joseph Stone - Band
Willie Stone - FFA, FCA, First Priority, Peer Helper, Football, Track, NHS
Kathy Sturgis - Spanish Club, Band, Softball, Cheerleading
Jonathon Swords - Chorus
Carlos Tolbert - FFA, Football, Basketball, NHS
Skarlet Ward - FHA
Josh Williams - FFA, Mass Communications, Spotlight, SGA
Key Club, Baseball, Cross-Country
Andrea Wynn - Peer Helper, Montala, Student Council, Math Team, Band, NHS
Chris Yelder - FFA, Basketball
LaToya Young - Peer Helper, FHA, SGA, Math Team, Band, Montala, NHS
Lendale Young - Peer Helper, Band, Basketball, Track

On May 29th MHS said goodbye to us, the Class of 1997. At the same time we, the class of '97, said goodbye to all of our friends. Yet THE class also said goodbye to our sheltered lives and familiar surroundings. As we walked across the stage, out of MHS as graduates, we stepped right into the REAL WORLD as adults. Although this is an overwhelming thing to go through, we know that millions of others have gone before us. It was time for all of our hopes and dreams to become REAL. Some of us dreamed of being doctors. Some of us dreamed of being teachers. Some of us dreamed of being in the armed forces. Yet only time would tell if our dreams will be realized. Coming out on top, in a WORLD like this, is something that we would have to work hard to accomplish. And although none of us know what will become of our lives, we are all thankful for having had the chance to dream.

Andrea Wynn

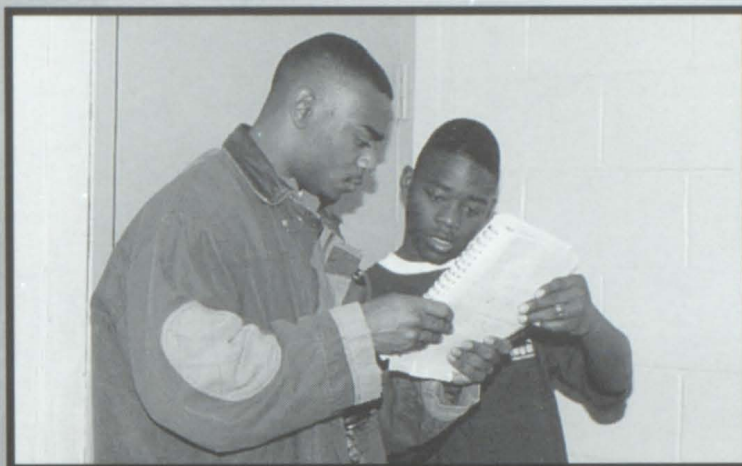




Andy Reid takes a Coke break after a tough time on the field.



Elvis was a **BIG** hit with the majorettes.



Undrae Lilly and Antonio Chism check their "stats" after paying a visit to see Miss Dement.



Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs appeared for the freshmen on dressup day.



Jason Fullerton and James Lee turn science **upside down** in order to prepare for final exams.



Mass communications staffers "take it to the top" to do the weather report during each MHS News program.

THE REAL WORLD Montevallo



One Last Look

I come back to visit Montevallo High
I walk in the doors and suddenly sigh
Everything so different but still the same
Teachers and students different from when I came.

Memories of friends and teachers flood back to me
The visions of these people I suddenly see.
I think about how the years all so suddenly went
Being with friends, having good times is how it was spent.

I see Theodore saying: "I should be the only one in the halls"
Derryberry getting our attention by saying: "Guys and dolls."
Friends being there when we were in need
Some people just give out bad seed.

We were all at school to achieve one goal
But 12 years of the school was our toll.
We leave school to be on our own
To reach the next level of our stepping stone.

I remember Graduation for our Senior class
We kept saying "Thank God it's here at last."
After it was over and the last words were said
The bright light of the future is how we were led.

Joey Carlee

yearZine

The Movies, TV, Music, Sports, News and Trends Zine Just for Students

I Want Those Puppies

I Love Tom Cruise

Slam Dunk

Don't Cry for Me

Hercules, Hercules

1997

Movies

Tops at the Box Office

1. Independence Day
2. Twister
3. Mission: Impossible
4. Jerry Maguire
5. The Rock
6. The Nutty Professor
7. Ransom
8. 101 Dalmatians
9. A Time to Kill
10. Phenomenon

Oscar's Pictures
The English Patient
Fargo
Jerry Maguire
Secrets & Lies
Shine

Star Trek

Star Trek: First Contact

101 Dalmatians

Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes play star-crossed lovers in *Romeo and Juliet*.

Independence Day

Glenn Close, as Cruella DeVil, craves a Dalmatian puppy fur coat.

Romeo & Juliet

Mission: Impossible

Tom Cruise makes *Mission: Impossible* a reality.

Will Smith and Harry Connick Jr. prepare for the alien attack in *Independence Day*.

The Preacher's Wife

Whitney Houston meets her angel, Denzel Washington, in *The Preacher's Wife*.

Lynn Redgrave and Best Actor Geoffrey Rush make music together in *Shine*.

Shine

Michael Jordan teams up with his Looney Tunes friends.

Space Jam

Evita

Oscar's Actresses
Brenda Blethyn, *Secrets & Lies*
Diane Keaton, *Marvin's Room*
Frances McDormand, *Fargo*
Kristin Scott Thomas, *The English Patient*
Emily Watson, *Breaking the Waves*

Beavis & Butt-head Do America

PARAMOUNT PICTURES

Madonna's performance in *Evita* earns the actress a Golden Globe.

Nutty Professor

Eddie Murphy transforms himself in *The Nutty Professor*

Stars Wars Trilogy

R2-D2 and C-3PO return to the big screen to celebrate the 20-year anniversary of Star Wars.

The English Patient

Ralph Fiennes soars in 1996's Best Picture, *The English Patient*.

Jerry Maguire

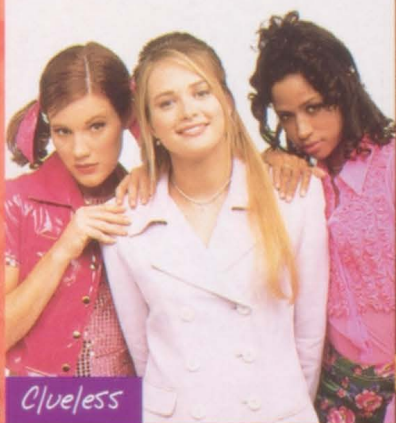
Cuba Gooding, Jr. says "Show me the Oscar" as he's awarded Best Supporting Actor for *Jerry Maguire*.

Fargo

Oscar winner Frances McDormand snoops from *Fargo* to Minneapolis as "Marge" in the dark comedy *Fargo*.

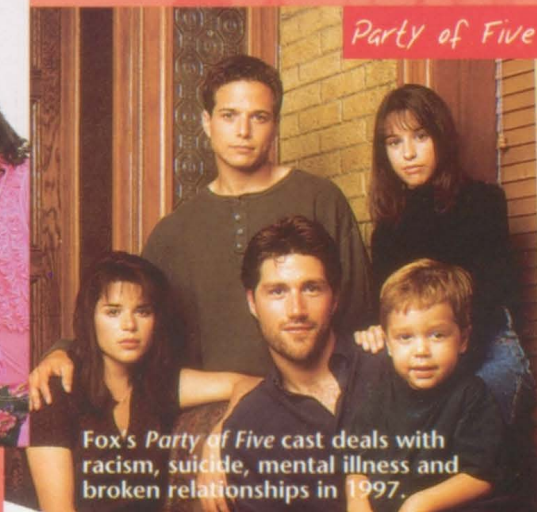
Oscar's Actors
Tom Cruise, *Jerry Maguire*
Ralph Fiennes, *The English Patient*
Woody Harrelson, *The People vs. Larry Flynt*
Geoffrey Rush, *Shine*
Billy Bob Thornton, *Sling Blade*

ABC wasn't
Clueless when it
added this hit
to Friday nights.



Clueless

Party of Five



Fox's Party of Five cast deals with racism, suicide, mental illness and broken relationships in 1997.

Entertainment Weekly's Top TV Picks

1. NYPD Blue
2. The X-Files
3. The Larry Sanders Show
4. News Radio
5. The Simpsons
6. Friends
7. Murder One
8. Profit
9. Seinfeld
10. Moesha

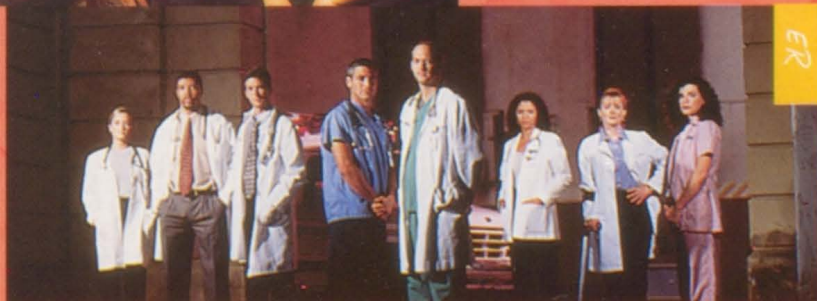
TV

TV With Class
Boston Common
Dangerous Minds
Mr. Rhodes
Nick Freno: Licensed Teacher
Pearl
Saved By the Bell
The Steve Harvey Show



Relativity

Relativity's
Kimberly
Williams and
David Conrad
fall in love.



ER

An award-winning cast keeps ER
on top for another season.

Jenny McCarthy

Jenny McCarthy makes waves in the
dating pool on MTV's Singled Out.



Your Favorites*

1. Seinfeld
2. ER
3. Suddenly Susan
4. Monday Night Football
5. Friends
6. The Single Guy
7. Home Improvement
8. Caroline in the City
9. Spin City
10. 60 Minutes

* The New York Times

Rosie O'Donnell

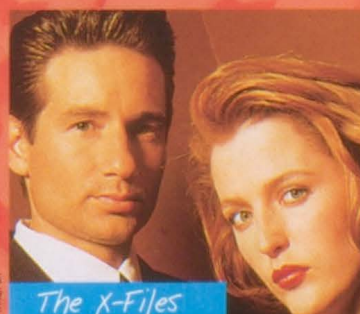


Rosie O'Donnell improves
talk-TV's image.



Friends

Friends leads NBC's Thursday
night monopoly.



The X-Files

David Duchovny
and Gillian
Anderson
co-star in
The X-Files.

Suddenly Susan



Brooke
Shields
turns
Suddenly
Susan into
a sudden
success.

John Lithgow brings
3rd Rock from the Sun
down to earth.

3rd Rock from the Sun



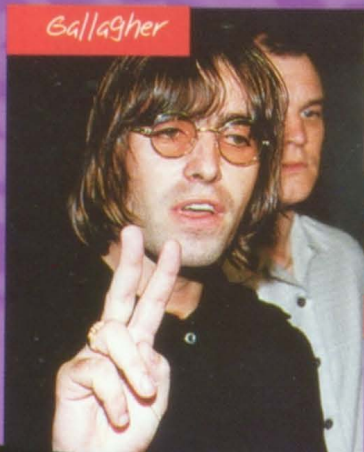
MUSIC

Single Success

1. Macarena, Los Del Rio
2. How Do U Want It, Tupac Shakur
3. Twisted, Keith Sweat
4. No Diggity, Blackstreet
5. You're Making Me High, Toni Braxton

Liam Gallagher leads Oasis to the top of the rock charts.

Gallagher



Garbage's supervixen Shirley Manson is the reigning queen of rock.

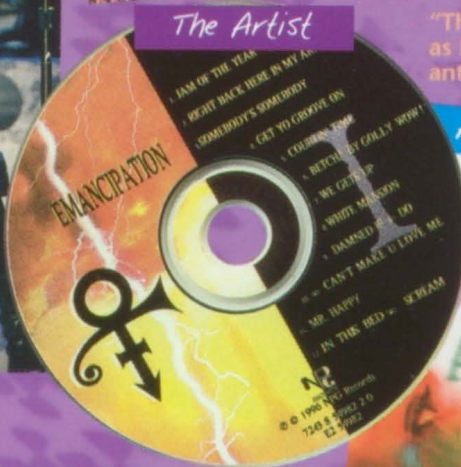


Garbage

A+ Albums

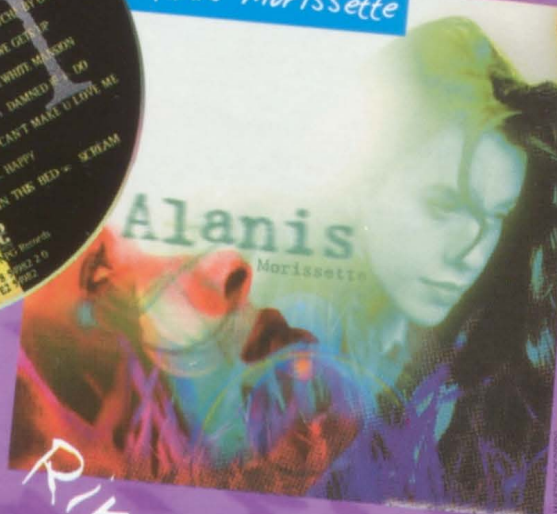
1. Jagged Little Pill, Alanis Morissette
2. Falling Into You, Celine Dion
3. The Score, Fugees
4. Tragic Kingdom, No Doubt
5. Daydream, Mariah Carey

ALANIS MORISSETTE

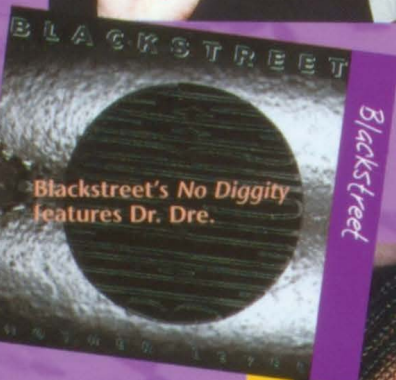


"The Artist" (formerly known as Prince) releases the much anticipated *Emancipation*.

Alanis Morissette



Alanis Morissette's *Jagged Little Pill* is 1996's No. 1-selling album.



Blackstreet's *No Diggity* features Dr. Dre.

Blackstreet

Seventeen-year-old Brandy makes it big with hit records *TV's Moesha*.

Brandy



Britain's snappy *Spice Girls* move to the top of pop.

Spice Girls



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LeAnn Rimes



Cyber-rock

Oasis (<http://www.oasisnet.com/>)
 Bush (<http://users.aol.com/LtleThings/Bush/index.htm>)
 Smashing Pumpkins (<http://www.muohio.edu/~carmance/sp.html>)

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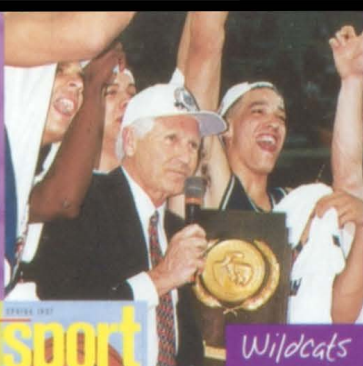


MUSIC TELEVISION™

Music television is hot on-line and off.

At 14, LeAnn Rimes turns *Blue* into gold and takes home two Grammy Awards.

L.A. Dodgers' "Tornado" Hideo Nomo averages multiple strikeouts per inning.



The Arizona Wildcats take the final four by storm and defeat three No. 1 seeds to win the NCAA basketball championship.

Olympic Oooohs and Aaaahs
17 days

10,750 athletes

197 countries

31 sports

Carl Lewis, long jump

Amy Van Dyken, swimming

Tom Dolan, swimming

Karach Kiraly and Kent Steffes, volleyball

U.S. Women's Softball Team

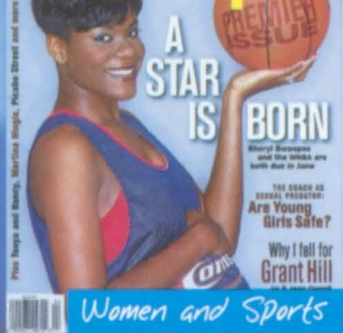
U.S. Women's Soccer Team

U.S. Women's Basketball Team

U.S. Women's Gymnastics Team

Sports

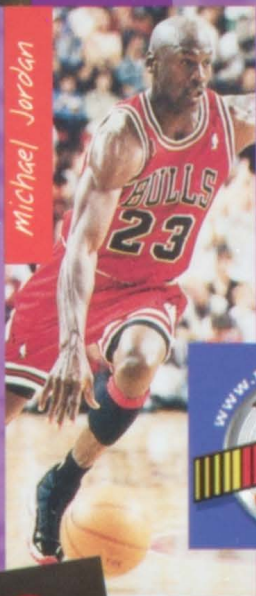
Sports Illustrated
women's sport



Women and Sports

Sports Illustrated introduces Women/Sport for women involved with sports.

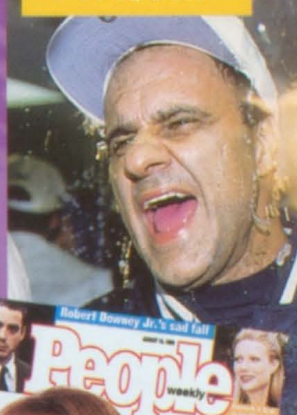
Bad boy Dennis Rodman ranks first in the NBA in rebounds per game (15.9).



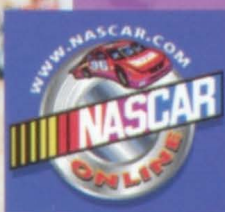
Chicago Bull's No. 23 Michael Jordan scores the highest point average in the NBA (30.9).

New York Yankees manager, Joe Torre, celebrates a World Series victory.

N.Y. Yankees



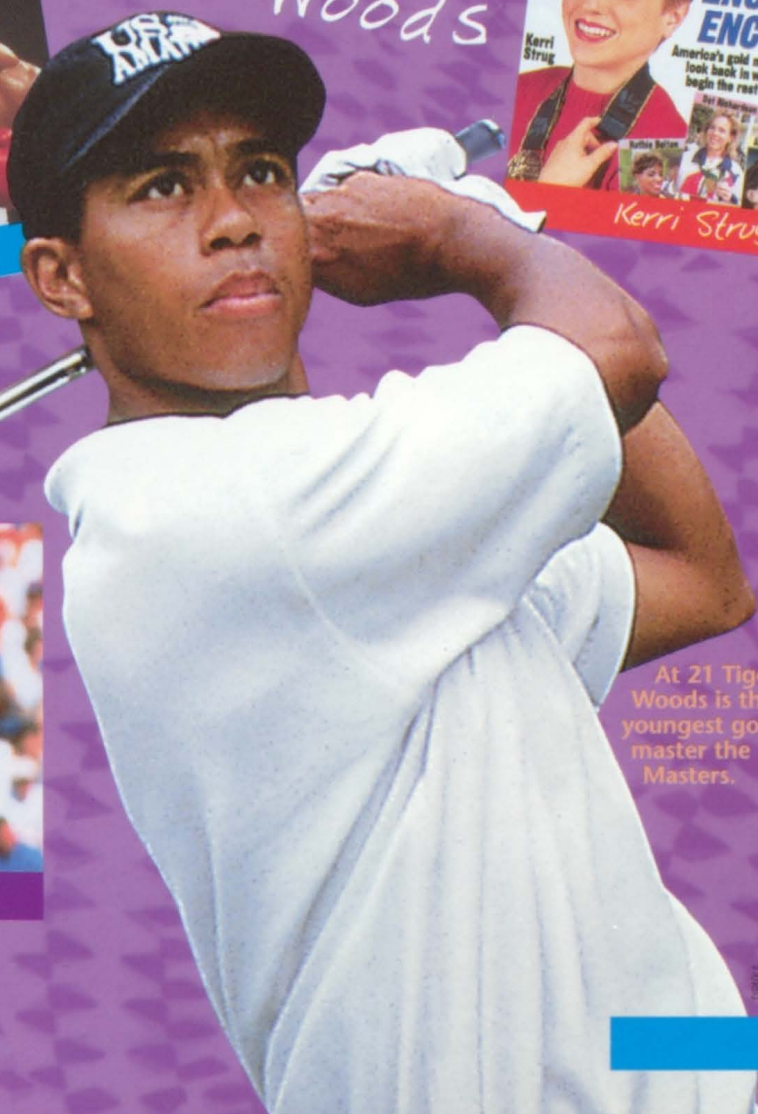
NASCAR gains new popularity at the track and on the information super-highway.



Kerri Strug leads the U.S. gymnastics team to a Gold Medal in the team competition and becomes a media sweetheart.



Tiger Woods



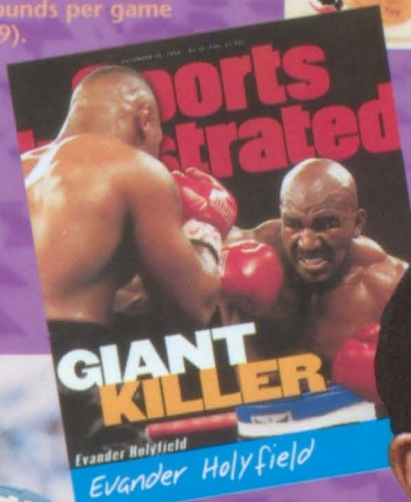
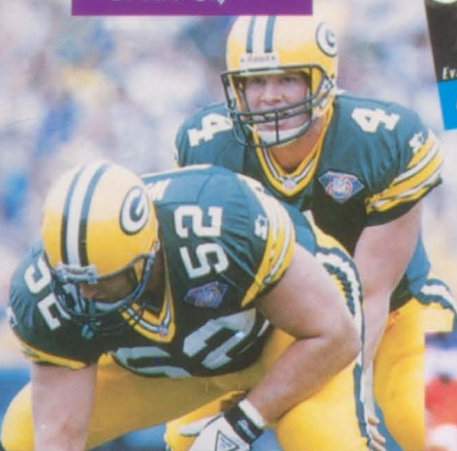
At 21 Tiger Woods is the youngest golfer to master the Masters.



Dennis Rodman

The Green Bay Packers triumph over the New England Patriots 35-21 in Super Bowl XXXI with the help of quarterback Brett Favre, No. 4, and center Frank Winters, No. 52.

Green Bay



Sports Illustrated labels Evander Holyfield "Giant Killer" after he pounds boxer Mike Tyson.



Danny Wuerffel

'96 Heisman Trophy recipient Danny Wuerffel leads the Florida Gators to its first national championship.

Young Olympians

Amy Acuff, 20, high jump

Amanda Beard, 14, swimming

Brooke Bennet, 16, swimming

Beth Botsford, 15, swimming

Amanda Borden, 19,

gymnastics

Dominique Moceanu, 14,

gymnastics

Justin Huish, 21, archery

Kim Rhode, 17, double trap shooting

Tiffany Roberts, 19, soccer

News

Life on Mars.

Racial unrest in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Welfare Reform.

Madonna is a momma.

Michael Jackson, King of Pop-pa!

Campaign financing goes under scrutiny.

Elizabeth Dole

Elizabeth Dole becomes the bright spot in a lackluster campaign.

Madeleine Albright

Madeleine Albright becomes the first female Secretary of State.

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU

Shannon Lucid

Astronaut Shannon Lucid spends more time in space than any other American.

Springtime Floods

Springtime floods destroy towns along the Ohio River and the Red River in the Dakotas and Minnesota.

TWA Flight 800

TWA Flight 800, crashes in Long Island Sound, killing 230.

The Clintons

Bob Dole

Bob Dole's final 96-hour marathon doesn't save his campaign.

Voters extend Bill Clinton's White House lease by four years.

AOL

Communications Error:

The number dialed is busy or not answering. Please try again later.

To find another local access number, select "New Local#" from the "Screen name" pop-up menu, and click Sign On.

For more information, press the Command Key+SHIFT+? and refer to the Troubleshooting information in the AppleGuide.

Unlimited access gives America Online users migraines and busy signals.

OK

Civil verdict declares O.J. Simpson liable for deaths of Nicole Brown and Ron Goldman.

O.J. Simpson



Students demonstrate against Serbian government.

The JonBenét Ramsey murder mystery grabs headlines.



JonBenét Ramsey

Brook Shields



The score is love-love as Brooke Shields marries tennis star Andre Agassi.

Marshall Applewhite

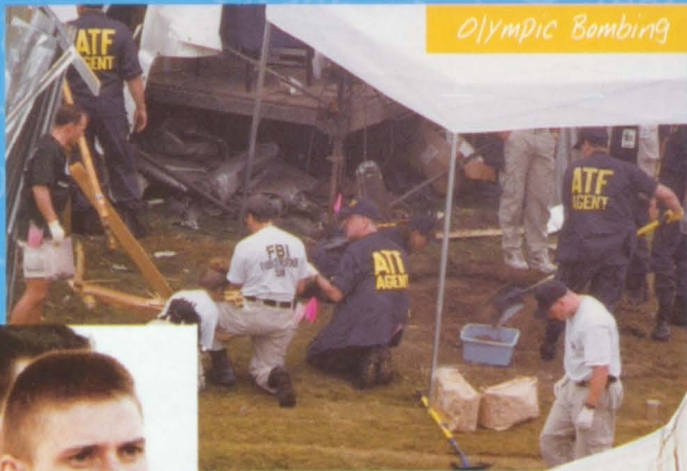


Leader Marshall Applewhite and 38 Heaven's Gate cult members take their lives in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., in April.

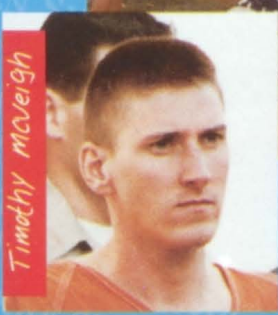
Tupac Shakur

- Deaths**
 Morey Amsterdam, 80-ish, actor, *The Dick Van Dyke Show*
 Ted Bessell, 57, actor, *That Girl*
 Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, 68, Catholic Archbishop
 John Chancellor, 68, news anchor
 Margaux Hemingway, 41, model/actress
 Notorious B.I.G., 24, gansta rapper
 Timothy Leary, 75, '60s activist
 Greg Morris, 61, actor, TV's *Mission: Impossible*
 Jonathan Melvoin, 34, Smashing Pumpkins
 Carl Sagan, 62, scientist and astronomy popularizer
 Tupac Shakur, 25, gansta rapper/actor
 Tiny Tim, 70-ish, '60s icon
 Deng Xiaoping, 92, Chinese Leader
 Allen Ginsberg, 70, Beat poet
 Ennis Cosby, 27, student, son of Bill Cosby
 Willem de Kooning, 92, abstract artist
 Gangsta rapper and movie star Tupac Shakur is murdered.

Olympic Bombing

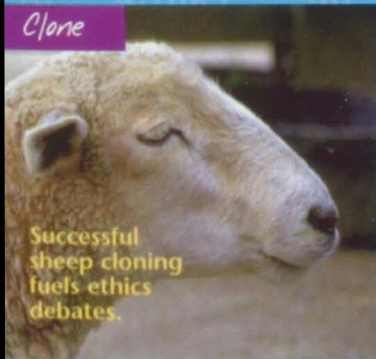


Atlanta's Centennial Park bombing mars the Summer Olympics.

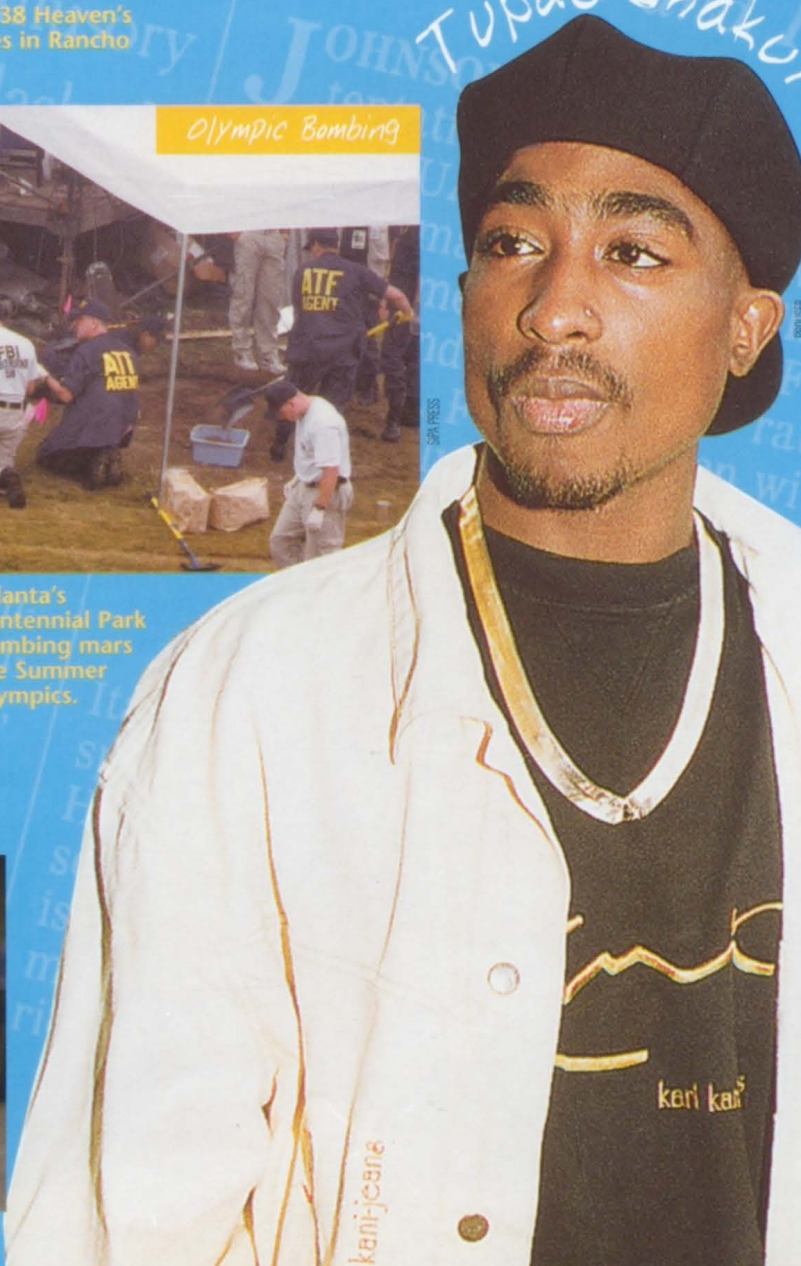


A Denver jury returns a guilty verdict for Timothy McVeigh in the Oklahoma City bombing trial.

Clone



Successful sheep cloning fuels ethics debates.



Fashion fads feast on bright colors.

Fashion A0

Regular.

**Espresso.**

Pharmaceutical Research, Development, and Manufacturing (PDM) is a complex and highly competitive industry. The industry is characterized by high R&D costs, long development cycles, and high barriers to entry. The industry is also highly regulated, with strict requirements for product safety and efficacy. The industry is dominated by a few large players, but there are many smaller players as well. The industry is facing a number of challenges, including increasing competition, rising R&D costs, and changing regulatory requirements. Despite these challenges, the industry remains a key driver of economic growth and innovation.

Coffee Craze

Slogan of the Year
"Show me the money!"
 from *Jerry Maguire*

Dance craze

The Macarena

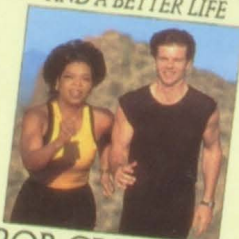
101 Dalmatians

Dalmatians gain popularity thanks to Disney's release of 101 Dalmatians.

Make the Connection

MAKE THE CONNECTION

TEN STEPS TO A BETTER BODY—
AND A BETTER LIFE



BOB GREENE AND
OPRAH WINFREY

Coca Cola

Coca-Cola goes retro-'70s.

SAY WHAT?
 "boo"-boyfriend/girlfriend
 "butter"-smooth/nice
 "digits"-phone numbers
 "down low"
 (also "D.L.")-quiet
 "flavor"-style
 "4-1-1"-information
 "hella"-very
 "house"-to defeat
 "mad"-beautiful
 "peeps"-friends/people

McDonald's introduces adult-like, "Arch Deluxe" which meets with lukewarm consumer interest.

IT'S TRUE. WE
DO MATURE FASTER
THAN BOYS.

McDonald's

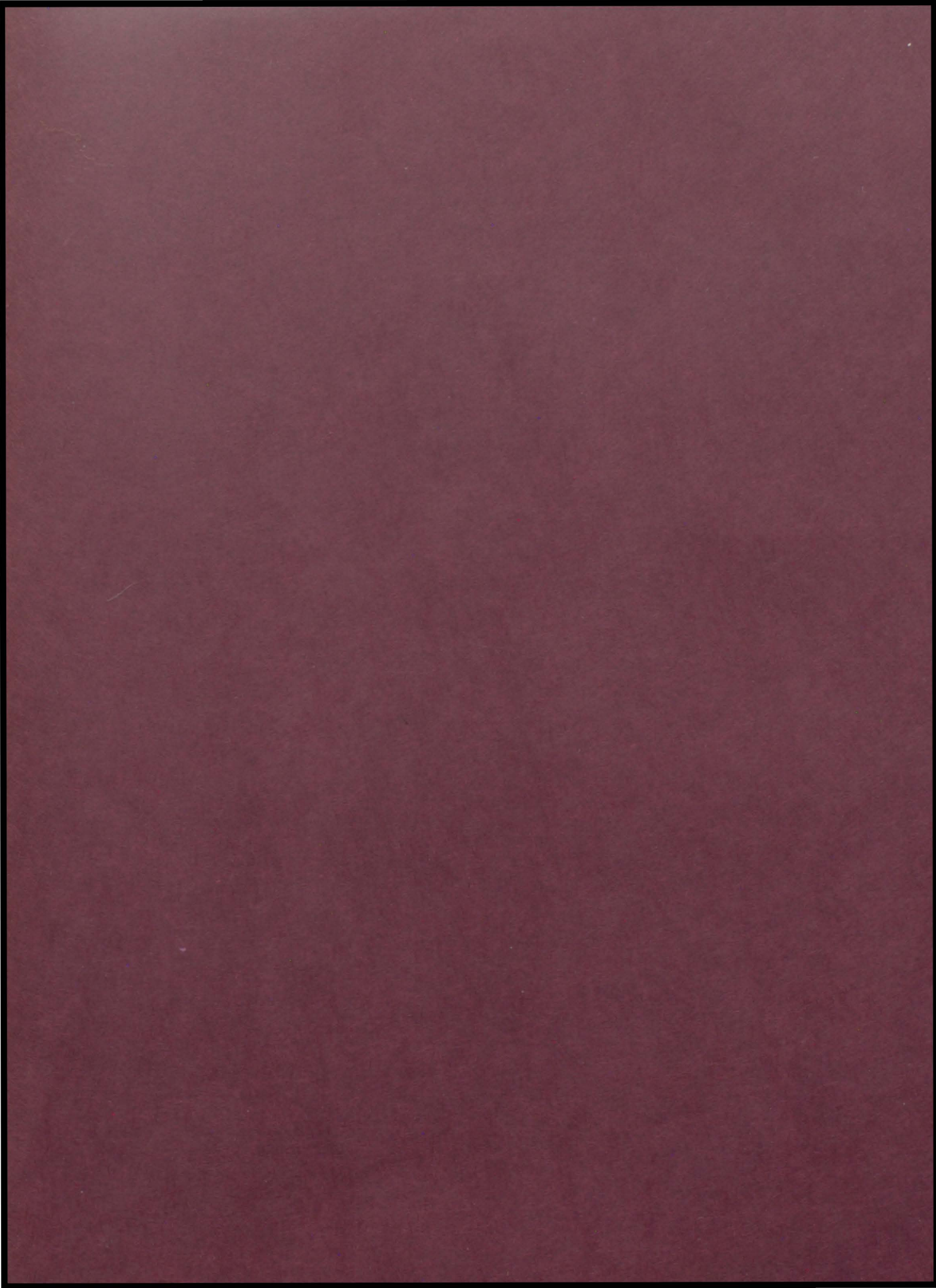
Bill Gates turns the heat up on technology with the Microsoft Network.

Tap Dogs

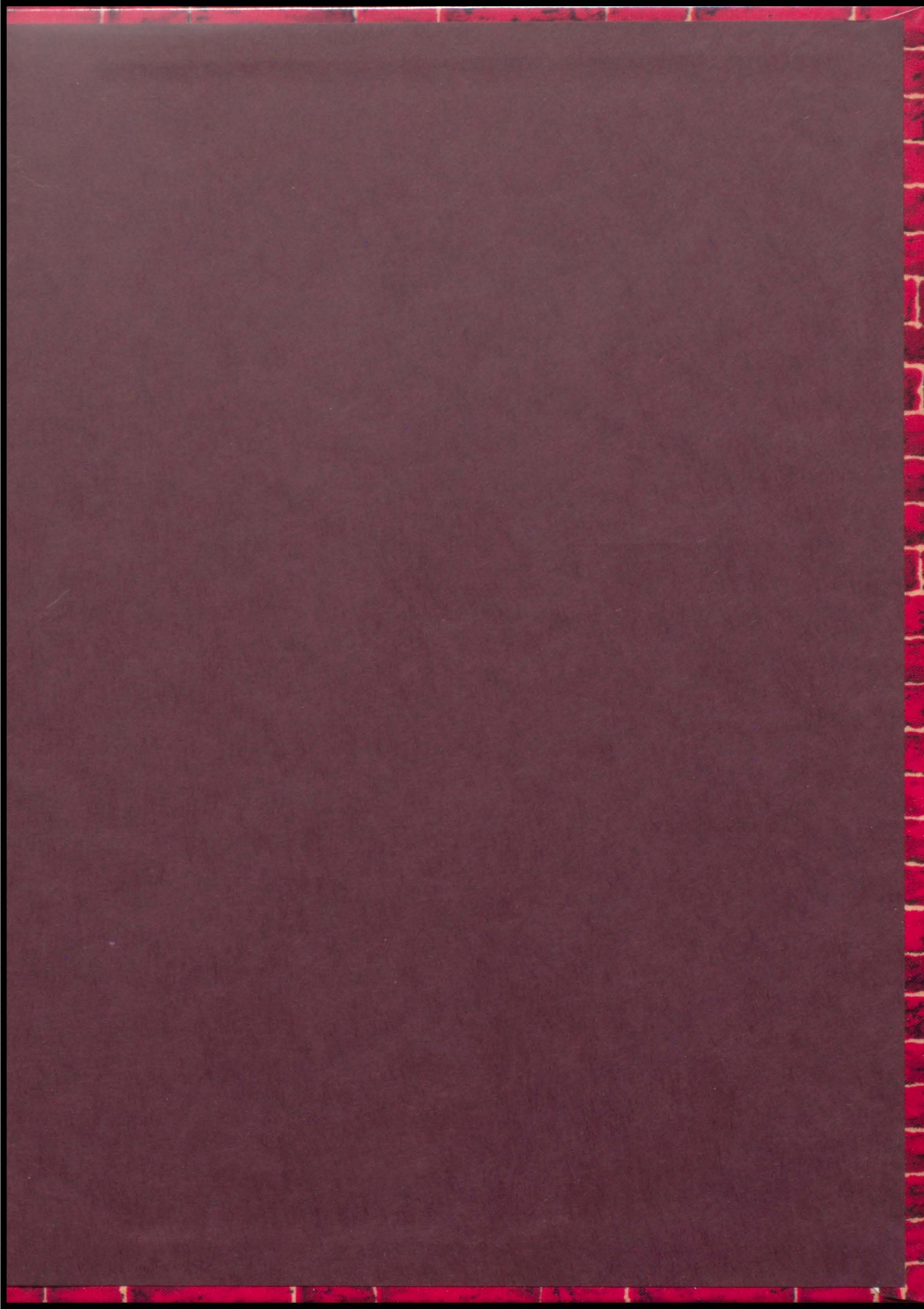
Microsoft

Rent

MILK
here's your multifactor!







...Montevallo